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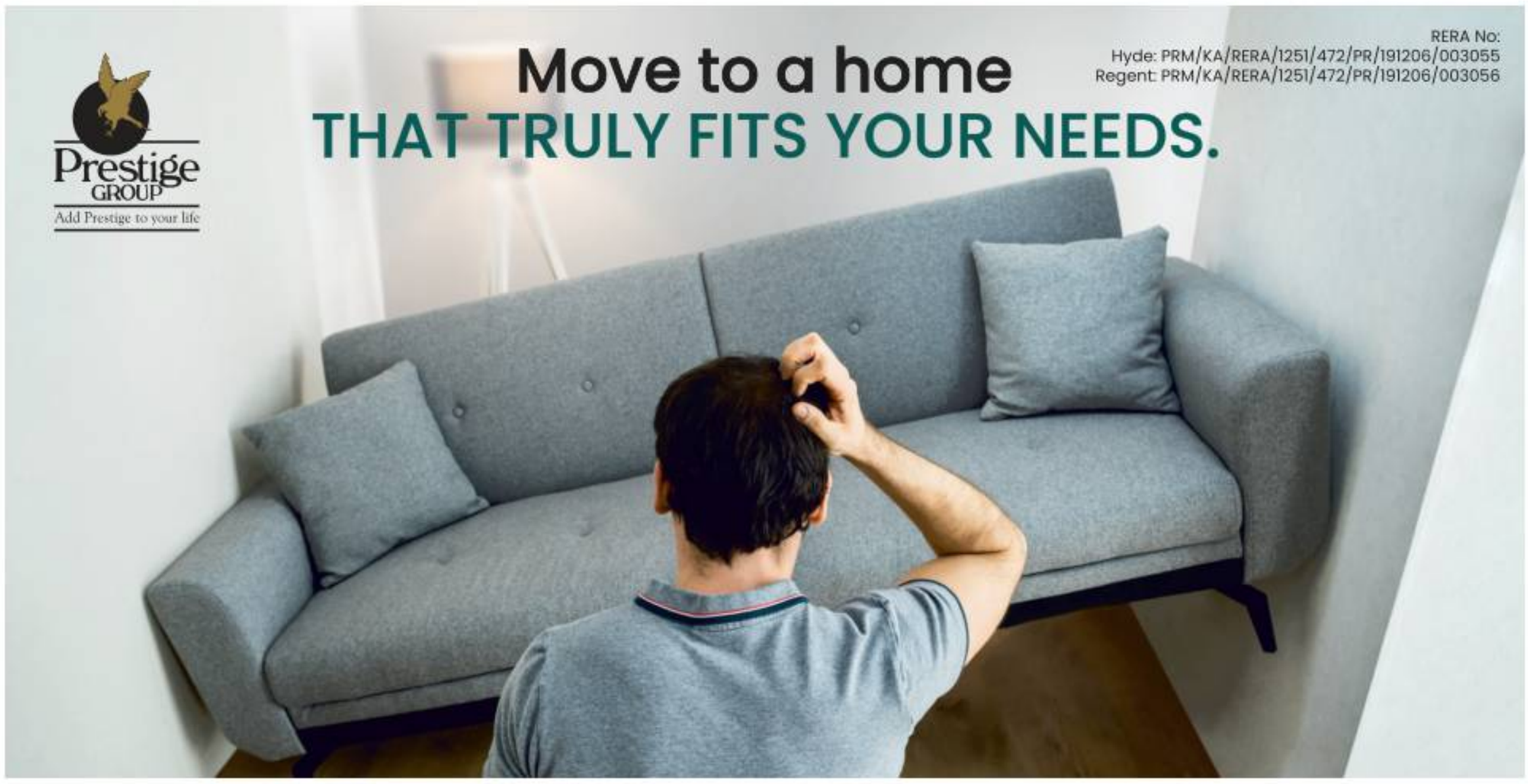

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BENGALURU

After five years, the time has come for the merger of the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board and the Department of PU Education exam system. The State government is preparing to table the draft Bill in the legislature session.

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### Stormy legislature session on the cards

BENGALURU

The 10-day monsoon session of the Karnataka Legislature, which will get underway on Monday, is expected to be acrimonious, considering that the Opposition is eager to corner the BJP on handling of rain havoc and on corruption in contract works.

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# Cong. to put out electoral rolls

## Mistry replies to MPs who sought transparency

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

Responding to the Lok Sabha members who had demanded transparency in the Congress presidential election procedure, the party's Central Election Authority (CEA) chairman, Madhusudan Mistry, said the list of all 9,000-plus delegates will be available at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) office from September 20.

The list may be used "if anyone desires to get nominations from 10 supporters from different States to contest the upcoming election", he said.

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>
> **MADHUSUDAN MISTRY,** Congress Central Election Authority chairman

Earlier, five Lok Sabha members - Shashi Tharoor, Manish Tewari, Karti Chidambaram, Pradyut Bordoloi and Abdul Khaleque - had jointly petitioned the CEA chief to make the electoral roll available to them for the sake of transparency.

Mr. Tharoor and Mr. Tewari are part of the G-23 or the ginger group within the Congress that has been pushing for internal reforms.

"In case the CEA has any concerns with respect to releasing the electoral rolls publicly, it must put in place a mechanism to securely share this information with all electors and potential candidates. Electors and candidates cannot be expected to go to all 28 PCCs [Pradesh Congress Committees] and 9 Union Territorial units across the country to verify the rolls," the MPs said in their letter of September 6. "As long as this demand is met, our concern about transparency – a *sine qua non* in any free and fair election – will be met," they added.

Responding to them on Saturday, Mr. Mistry wrote, "If anyone desires to get nominations from ten supporters from different States, the list of all 9,000+ delegates will be available in my office at AICC, Delhi, from September 20 (11 a.m. to 6 p.m.), before they file their nomination on September 24. They can choose their 10 supporters (delegates) from the list and obtain their signature for nomination."

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# 'EC opinion on Soren's brother sent'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

The Election Commission (EC) is believed to have sent its opinion to the Governor regarding the "disqualification" of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren's younger brother Basant Soren as an MLA.

According to news agency Asian News International (ANI), the EC sent its opinion to Governor Ramesh Bais on Friday regarding the disqualification of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha's Dumka MLA under Section 9(A) of Representation of People Act, 1951, over a mining lease case.

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# India stays out of 'trade pillar' at Indo-Pacific meet

## Concerns over discriminatory clauses

Union Minister Piyush Goyal meeting the Indonesian team on the sidelines of the IPEF meet. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

India stayed out of the joint declaration on the trade pillar of the U.S.-led Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) ministerial meet in Los Angeles, with Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal citing concerns over possible discrimination against developing economies.

India was the only one of the 14 IPEF countries, which include South East Asian countries, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea and Japan, not to join the declaration on trade.

However, a statement by the government said India had "engaged exhaustively" on all the four pillars, and was "comfortable" with the outcome statements on the other three pillars: supply chains, clean economy (clean energy) and fair economy (tax and anti-corruption).

The decision to stay out came just four months after the launch of the talks by the IPEF leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the sidelines of the Quad Summit in Tokyo in May.

"We have to see what benefits member countries will derive and whether any conditionalities on aspects like environment may discriminate against developing countries, who have the imperative to provide low-cost and affordable energy to meet the needs of our growing economy," Mr. Goyal said at a press conference after the meeting.

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# At Janaspandana, Siddaramaiah becomes the prime target

## We will expose corruption during his tenure as CM: Bommai

K.V. ADITYA BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU

In an attempt to counter the Congress's aggressive campaign against alleged corruption by the BJP government, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai launched an offensive on Saturday, saying that they would soon expose the scandals of the Siddaramaiah-led Congress regime.

Setting the tone of the campaign ahead of the Assembly polls next year and the legislature session beginning on Monday, the twice-postponed Janaspandana event at Doddaballapur — to mark three years of the BJP government in the State and one year of Mr. Bommai-led governance — became a forum for BJP leaders to train their guns on Mr. Siddaramaiah and his regime.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai speaking at a public meeting at Doddaballapur on Saturday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The tirade, specifically focused on the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, comes about a month after the Congress leader's massive birthday bash at Davangere that drew lakhs of people.

Attacking the previous Congress government over alleged corruption and claiming that their "double engine" government had served the State better, the leaders said BJP would win 150 seats in the 2023 polls.

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# President Murmu to inaugurate Dasara

## Ten-day festival begins on Sept. 26

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU/BENGALURU

President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the Dasara festivities this year at Mysuru.

The 10-day festival, which begins on September 26, is traditionally inaugurated atop Chamundi Hills in Mysuru.

Speaking to newspersons in Bengaluru, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that Ms. Murmu had given her consent to open Mysuru Dasara-2022.

"We had written a letter to the President on September 6 inviting her to open Mysuru Dasara this year. Now the office of President has confirmed her willingness to participate," he told reporters on Saturday.

During COVID-19 pandemic, Mysuru Dasara-2020 was inaugurated by Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Director of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research. Former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna had inaugurated the 2021 edition.

This year, the grand Jamboo Savari of Dasara, being celebrated with the usual grandeur, has been scheduled for October 5.

Droupadi Murmu

# King Charles III proclaimed Britain's monarch

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King Charles III pledged to follow the "inspiring example" of his mother, late Queen Elizabeth II, as he was proclaimed Britain's new monarch on Saturday in a ceremony televised for the first time in history. "God save the King" were the words with which those gathered reaffirmed the proclamation made by the clerk of the Accession Council.

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# 'Interest in astrology surged during COVID'

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BENGALURU

Researchers at Service for Healthy use of Technology (SHUT) clinic at NIMHANS recently came across a case of a 35-year-old person who got into a habit of consulting astrologers online as he was going through a bad phase of life. He eventually not only suffered financial losses but also went into severe depression, as he obsessively continued to consult.

This case prompted researchers with SHUT clinic to study more such cases. They reviewed available literature in journals to understand the association of belief in astrology and fortune-telling with cognitive, personality, and psychological factors such as thinking style, self-concept verification, and stress.

Based on their study, an article titled "Fixating on the future: An overview of increased astrology use" has recently been published in the *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*.

Manoj Kumar Sharma, additional professor and corresponding author of the review article, said that interest in astrology has surged recently, possibly due to the uncertain conditions in the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Google Trends reported that searches for "birth chart" and "astrology" hit a five-year high in 2020 after the pandemic.

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**Still waters:** The snake boat named *Payippadan* of the Vembanad Boat Club arriving for an early-morning practice session on the Punnamada lake at Kumarakom in Kottayam of Kerala.

**Roll call:** A coach taking attendance of oarsmen at the club's training camp at Kumarakom.

**Ready for water:** Oarsmen of the club warm up before practice.

**Taking guard:** Oarsmen and coaches of the club pray before the start of practice.

# Roar of the regatta

## After a two-year pandemic-induced break, boat races are back in full energy and rhythm on the backwaters of Kerala

TEXT AND IMAGES BY THULASI KAKKAT

After a two-year hiatus, the shorelines of central Kerala are swaying to the energy and rhythm of boat races that add a punch to the Onam celebrations. With the season under way, traditional wooden boats of varying sizes and designs are churning the backwaters of the region. The familiar scene of oarsmen splashing the waters in unison, taking the long snake boats to heady speeds, has returned this harvest season.

The race calendar starts with the Champakulam boat race in June-July and culminates by November-end with the President's Trophy Boat Race in Kollam.

Local warlords of yore are believed to have introduced the sleek, wooden boats, which shoot through the water like an arrow, to transport warriors. Over time, their ownership changed hands – from the royalty to the aristocracy and subsequently to the village zones, called Karas, and then to clubs. The boats can be 28 metres to 42 metres in length with elongated front and raised rear portions. Nearly 100 oarsmen, including the helmsmen with long oars, power them.

At stake is the pride of the club or community which owns and operates the boat and hence, strenuous preparation lasting several weeks and rehearsals precedes the races. As the competition heats up, the training camps get longer. Each camp incurs an average expense of around ₹80 lakh.

The rowers are a diverse mix, with even kayakers from the Navy and the Army joining. The trials are a show of harmony and camaraderie with people lining up on the shorelines and cheering the teams. The race season has recently undergone an F1-style makeover in which teams are now fighting in a league with an overall prize money of ₹5.86 crore, the fourth highest for all sports in India.

**Strutting the stuff:** Snake boats participating in the Nehru Trophy Boat Race on the Punnamada lake in Alappuzha line up for a mass drill.

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# The wait to use metro till Whitefield may get longer

## Incessant rain impacted work at depot, which is crucial for opening the line

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Those travelling to or from Whitefield may have to wait longer to use Namma Metro as the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL), which had a fixed year-end deadline to commission the Byappanahalli-Whitefield line, is likely to miss it.

The incessant rain that lashed the city recently turned out to be a hurdle to completing the pending works on the extended Purple Line, resulting in a likely delay in opening the line for commercial operations.

A file photo of the metro work at K.R. Puram in Bengaluru.

Anjum Parwez, managing director, BMRCL, told *The Hindu* that ongoing works such as the construction of Whitefield depot were affected by heavy rain. However, he maintained that the BMRCL was trying its best to open the line to the public. "Completing the depot work at Whitefield is very crucial for opening the line for commercial operations. After the heavy rain in the Mahadevapura zone, water stagnated at the worksite and made the area slushy, because of which the works are affected," said Mr. Parwez.

The BMRCL is using Kadugodi plantation land for the construction of the depot after getting clearance from the Forest Department. The official added that the placing of girders near the railway track located close to Baiyappanahalli depot would be expedited after getting clearance from South Western Railway.

When asked about progress achieved in traction and signalling, he said, "These works have reached an advanced stage. The tracks are being cleared to carry out motorised trolley trials on this line."

The BMRCL had planned to start the trial run by September.

"We want to commission the line as per the deadline, but at the same time, safety parameters cannot be compromised. We are hoping that in the coming days, there will not be heavy rain that impacts our works," said the official.

**ORR-airport line**

Heavy rain has also impacted construction on the ORR-airport line from Central Silk Board. Works such as piling and pile capping got affected. "Other works related to pier constructions are on. At casting yards, work is going on in full swing. None of the casting yards are affected by rain," said the official.

The opening of the extended Purple Line from Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield is expected to benefit around 3 lakh passengers. The 15-km line is an extension of Kengeri-Baiyappanahalli line, which is already operational. The BMRCL began work on this stretch, where 13 stations have come up, in 2016-17. It had missed multiple deadlines due to factors such as delay in acquiring land, changes the alignment plans – especially near Tin Factory to accommodate the ORR-airport line, the pandemic, and steep rise in steel price after Russia-Ukraine war.

The BMRCL is implementing the project under phase II of Namma Metro. It has so far managed to open only two lines under Phase II – Silk Institute to Yelachenahalli on Kanakapura Road and Mysuru Road to Kengeri.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Forest Martyrs' Day**
BENGALURU
The Department of Forest, on the occasion of National Forest Martyrs' Day, is organising a programme on Sunday to pay tribute to the martyrs of the department. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will be the chief guest at the event to be held at Aranya Bhavan, Malleswaram at 10 a.m.

# Police step up checks at entry and exit points to city

## This follows a series of property-related offences

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In an effort to contain the growing crime rate, police have stepped up vigil at entry and exit points of Bengaluru. A senior police officer of the rank of Inspector has been asked to supervise the checks at night, especially between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. at the points falling in their jurisdiction, sources said citing an order from the Commissioner of Police.

**From other districts**

The measure was taken in the wake of a series of property-related offences, and a majority of the offenders coming in from neighbouring districts and leaving with the booty overnight, he said.

Apart from this, the jurisdictional police have been directed to step up patrolling, especially in sensitive areas and vulnerable points. The beat police, who are also administrators of WhatsApp groups, have been asked to sensitize members of the groups to keep an eye on suspicious activities and share information.

# Thief steals mobile phone from man, and ₹43,000 using it

## Pretending to be a policeman, the thief took the man's account details, password

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

It was double whammy for a 54-year-old businessman who not only lost his phone while travelling on a train but also ₹43,000 via online to the same thief.

Rajashekhara M.M., a resident of Peenya II stage, came to know of the theft when he went to his bank to check the balance – ₹43,305 had been deducted from his account.

He told the police that while travelling on a train on August 31, he lost his mobile phone.

Two days later, the thief called one of his relatives using the contact list, claiming that the caller is from Chikkamagaluru police, and informed that the phone had been recovered.

**Through relatives**

Through the relatives, he managed to approach Mr. Rajashekhara and asked him personal details like passwords under the pretext of verification. Trusting the caller to be a policeman, Mr. Rajashekhara shared the details including the bank account password. Using it, the accused transferred ₹43,305.

The police are now on the lookout for the the accused, using the transactions details.

**Earlier case**

Last month, Amruthahalli police registered a case against a man who pretended to be interested in sharing an apartment with a bank employee, and stole his phone and withdrew ₹50,000 through the Unified Payment Interface. The victim, Ashtosh Mishra, an employee with a private bank, was staying in a rented apartment in Byatarayanapura.

Mr. Mishra had placed an ad on his social media account offering to share the apartment to save on rent.

# Many dump e-waste along with municipal solid waste: survey

## Access to collection centres is not convenient, say experts

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

Despite being the technological hub of the country, awareness about the disposal and segregation of e-waste (electronic waste) seems to be low in Bengaluru.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Centre for Sustainable Development, for its Environment Report Card, it was found that most residents in the city threw away their e-waste along with their regular municipal solid waste (MSW) across all eight zones. Only a few households either sell or recycle their e-waste.

While this was the case with over 75% of households, in slums, 3% of respondents said they dumped their e-waste in the specific bins set up by the government. The survey which was conducted in over 1,800 households also showed that waste segregation, in general, is not happening effectively in many zones with Bommanahalli and East zones reporting the least numbers (10% and 18%, respectively). It is further stated that 2% of MSW is made up of electronic goods.

A file photo of e-waste collected during a drive.

Collection centres have been set up by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) for the disposal of e-waste. Licences are also issued to refurbishers, recyclers, and dismantlers of e-waste. There are also several Producer Responsibility Organisations (PRO) working to responsibly recycle e-waste. However, most people tend to discard their e-waste via the informal sector, experts say.

"Consumers are used to getting paid for their electronic goods as each one of them has a monetary value. With the informal sector, the collector comes to the doorstep and even pays the consumer for their e-waste, making it convenient. But the case with e-waste collection centres is different as most of these are located at a certain distance from households. However, since these goods are hazardous, informal dismantling can lead to personal injuries as well as environmental pollution," explained Shobha Raghavan, COO, Saahas Zero Waste.

She added that even online shopping and exchange of electronic goods does not account for responsible discarding as most companies have their tie ups with informal sector workers and establishments only. "For these things to change, collection points need to be brought to the doorstep of the consumers. Urban local bodies (ULB) should arrange for vehicles to pick up e-waste at regular intervals where there is also a price list for each item. This way, consumers get paid and the process happens through a formal chain." She also said that setting up collection points in apartments and big communities by resident welfare associations (RWA) could help the cause.

One of the problems is that e-waste is handled by the KSPCB and not ULBs. KSPCB officials said it is not entirely true that e-waste is being disposed of with MSW. "We are running campaigns and creating awareness about e-waste disposal through media and other means. We have set up 200 e-waste collection bins across the city and have tied up with the RWAs. We are also pushing the ULBs to increase segregation at the source level," said Srinivasulu, member-secretary, KSPCB.

# KSRTC bus crew to get salary on the first of every month

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

With effect from October, employees of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) will receive their salary on the first of every month.

The corporation termed the new move as an "employee-welfare" initiative.

**On different dates**

For years, the KSRTC has been paying salary on different dates for officers and administrative staff, and those who are working in lower rungs such as technicians, drivers, and conductors. Officers and administrative staff used to receive their salary on the first of every month, while technicians were paid on the fourth, and drivers and conductors used to get their salary on the seventh of every month. To end the "disparity", the management has decided to pay salary to the entire staff on the first of every month.

"Workers are the soul of the corporation. The welfare of the staff and protecting their interests are our top priorities. For the first time in the history of the corporation, the entire staff of the corporation will start receiving their salary on the first of every month from October," said KSRTC managing director V. Anbukumar.

The KSRTC has a staff strength of 36,000 employees, out of which 30,000 are drivers and conductors.

# *Tree planted by Elizabeth II in the spotlight*

## *Christmas tree in Lalbagh, which has now grown over 70 ft, to soon carry her name*

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Lalbagh Botanical Garden is home to thousands of trees and plants and many have, hidden in their foliage, nuggets of history. One such has suddenly found itself in the spotlight following the death of Elizabeth II, the United Kingdom's longest-ruling monarch.

The Christmas tree planted by her during her visit to Bengaluru in February 1961 has now grown beyond 70 feet, according to Horticulture Department officials.

The tree is located behind the Bandstand, near the Glass House.

"In Lalbagh, we have over 75 trees which were planted by VVIPs. One of them was by Elizabeth II. Just 20 feet away from the tree planted by her is another Christmas tree planted by Abdul Ghaffar Khan (well-known as Frontier Gandhi). Almost 50 feet away from those trees is an Ashoka (Saraca asoca) tree planted by the former Prime Minister late Indira Gandhi," explained M. Jagadeesh, Joint Director (Parks), Horticulture Department.

Queen Elizabeth II planted a Christmas tree in Lalbagh during her visit to Bengaluru in 1961. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

A video dating back to the queen's visit to the city in 1961 has surfaced on the internet after her demise. In the video, it can be seen that as soon as she landed in Bengaluru with her husband, Prince Philip, she was welcomed by the then Governor of the State and the erstwhile ruler of the Mysuru, Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar. It also shows huge crowds which had gathered on the streets to greet and catch a glimpse of the royal couple and the queen planting a sapling at Lalbagh.

Thanks to this video, for the last two days, department officials have received many enquiries regarding this hitherto little-known tree.

"There is a lot of curiosity among people about the tree. They are calling and asking us where the tree is located and its identification. So far, we have not put up any sign or information board, but in a few days, we will put up an information board and a picture of the queen near the tree," Mr. Jagadeesh said.

# Foundation Day celebrated

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Marketing Communication and Advertising Ltd. (MCA) celebrated its 51st Foundation Day on September 6.

On the occasion, chairman of MCA M.S. Karigoudra called upon the employees to adhere to discipline and follow the office hours. He said that if the organisation prospers, so will the employees; keeping this in mind, everyone should act diligently.

Senior employees C.R. Gopinath, supervisor, Creative Department; Arundhati and Tejawati, supervisors, Media Department, and B.A. Math, senior assistant, Media Department, who have put in over 30 years of service, were felicitated by Mr. Karigoudra and managing director of MCA Siddalingappa B. Pujari.

**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY**
Tender Notice No. KPN_slipsiding
Dated : 02-09-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

| Name of the Work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| Kuppam - Provision of Emergency Crossover at Jolarpettai end duly Shifting Slip Siding towards Jolarpettai side. | Rs. 3,36,22,556.85 |

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 23-09-2022
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer
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**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY**
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Dated : 02-09-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

| Name of the Work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| Mysuru Division - Interlocking of 3 Nos. of LCs (LC No. 190 at between Kodagarur - Tolahunse, LC No. 104 between Kumsi - Anandapuram and LC No. 81 between Yeliyur - Byadarahalli Stations). | Rs. 6,99,660/- |

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 26-09-2022
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer
PUB/238/AAS/PRB/SWR/2022-23 Mysuru
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
Public are hereby informed that my client is intended to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule below from **1.Smt.M.JAYALAKSHMAMMA**, W/o Sri.G.Changappa and **2.Sri.C.SRINIVASA PRABHU** Son of Sri.G Changappa, (hereinafter referred to as Owners for the sake of brevity) and the said Owners have represented my client that they have purchased/acquired the Schedule Property for a valuable sale consideration from Smt.Bhagyalakshmi.R, W/o Sri.S.M.Puttaswamy, under an ABSOLUTE SALE DEED dated 20.08.2018, registered as **Document No.CMP-1-03504/2018-19** of Book-I, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi (Chamarajapete), Bangalore and further represented that they are in peaceful, vacant, lawful, uninterrupted possession and enjoyment over the Schedule Property as ABSOLUTE OWNERS free from all claims, encumbrance/s and litigation/s etc.,
Any person / institution having any right, title, share, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above sale transaction between my client and **1.Smt.M.JAYALAKSHMAMMA**, W/o Sri.G.Changappa and **2.Sri.C.SRINIVASA PRABHU** Son of Sri.G.Changappa,is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file written objections/claims along-with supporting documents within **15 (FIFTEEN) days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owners have clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and /or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding on my client.
**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**
**ALL THAT PIECE and PARCEL** of the entire Immovable Property being Residential House bearing **Site No.112**, Municipal No.112/24/2, BBMP Khatha No.112/24/2, Khatha No.24/2, situated at **JARAGANAHALLI** Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (earlier within the limits of Bommanahalli CMC, now within the jurisdiction of BBMP limits, BBMP Ward No.185 – **Jaraganahalli**, Bangalore and Measuring **East to West:30 feet and North to South :40 feet**, In all measuring 1200 Square Feetand bounded on **East by:** Site No.113 belongs to Sri.Madaiah, **West by:** Site No.111 belongs to Sri Prabhakar, **North by:** 3rd Cross Road , **South by:** Site No.117 belongs to Sri.Gopal.
Along-with existing Old Residential Building with structures standing thereon comprised of Ground Floor measuring **800 Square feet** of built-up-area approximately and First Floor measuring **800 Square feet** of built up area of Duplex House with R.C.C Roof, Vitrified Tiles Flooring, Jungle Wood doors and windows, with furniture/s, fittings and fixtures including civic amenities i.e., water, electricity and sanitary connections along-with sump with electric motor, overhead water tank, staircase etc.,
**P. MANJUNATH,** ADVOCATE
HM LEGAL, Office at No.24/10, 1ST Floor, Hasdin Road, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560 042.
Mobile: 9945036969 (Timings: 11.00 AM to 06.00 PM)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
It is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner: **SRI.D.A.RAJKUMAR,** S/o Late D.R.Adinarayanappa, residing at Flat No.21073, Prestige Falcon City Apartments, Konankunte Cross, Near Metro Cash and Carry, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560062.
Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule Property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 10days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.
**SCHEDULE**
All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.73/1-3, PID No.46-7-73/1-3, measuring East to West 63.5 ft and North to South 50 ft, together with an old building thereon, situated at 5th Main Road, Devanathachar Street, Chamarajapet, Bangalore and bounded on:
East by : Property of late M.Krishnamurthy
West by : Devanathachar Street
North by : 5th Main Road
South by : Property bearing Municipal No.73.
Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
**Goutam Associates**
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

Government of Karnataka
**(PWD Division Raichur)**
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION RAICHUR**
Telephone No. : 08532-225778 & 234747
**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION -(KW- 4 )**
1) Notification No & Date: PWD/RDN/TS-4/TN/2021-22/3133 Date: 06-09-2022, 2) Name of work's: Raichur District Total 1 work's, Raichur taluk Building and other development works. 3) Amount of works: Min Rs. 466496125.85, Max Rs. 466496125.85,
4) EMD Amount Min Rs. 4665000.00, Max Rs. 4665000.00, 5) Period (including Manson) : Min 18 (Eighteen) Months, Max 18 (Eighteen) Months,
6) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender: 26/09/2022 16:00:00,
7) Date and Time for Opening of Tender : 27/09/2022 16:30:00 For More details visit this website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
**SD/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,**
**PWD Division, RAICHUR.**
DIP/Raichur/292/MC&A/2022-23

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**
**PROB CP NO. 17 OF 2021**
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSETS OF THE DECEASED SRI. T RAJASHEKAR REDDY)**
**BETWEEN: SRI. MOHAN REDDY,** aged about 32 years, S/o late T. Rajashekar Reddy, R/at No.1300/C, 1st main, 1st Cross, HAL 3rd Stage, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru -560075.
..Petitioner
**AND: 1. R. BHAVITHA,** aged about 35 years, D/o late T. Rajashekar Reddy, W/o. S. Chandrashekar, R/at No.205, Barewell Road, 1st 'A' cross, White field, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560066.
**2. R. LAVANYA,** aged about 31 years, D/o late T. Rajashekar Reddy, W/o.Naveen Reddy, R/at No. B-022, 2nd floor, 'B' block, living walls apartment, Horamavu Main Road, Bengaluru - 560043.
**3. R. LAKSHMI,** aged about 29 years, D/o late T.Rajashekar Reddy, R/at No.SR No.259/1A, Anand nagar, Lohegaon, Pune - 411032.
**4. R. MEGHANA,** aged about 24 years, D/o late Rajashekar Reddy, W/o Mahendra Reddy, R/at No.E-116, SVS Nilaya, Government School Road, Deddathoguru, Electronic city, Bengaluru 560100.
..Respondents
**COURT NOTICE**
**Service Of Summons By Paper Publication Under Order 5 Rule 20 Of CPC**
Whereas the Petitioner have filed the above case for probate of the **Will of Late T. Rajashekar Reddy.** You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court **on 30-09-2022 at 11 AM,** in person or through a pleader, failing which the case will be proceeded ex-parte.
**Respondent No.3**
**R. LAKSHMI,** D/o late T. Rajashekar Reddy, Aged about 29 years, R/at D/o. No.22/2, 1st Floor, Rameshwara Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Madhuban Colony, Hulimavu, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru -560076.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this **17th day of August 2022.**
**By order of the court,**
**Assistant Registrar**
**Advocate for Petitioner**
**PARVATHY R NAIR**
**SREEVATSA ASSOCIATES**
No.50, II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore.

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### COSMOPOLITAN

**PQM4 HINDU** punjabi girl 5ft 4inch smart Clinical psychologist working at Bangalore 20–22 Lpa 22–06–86, 5:37pm jalandhar. Parents doctors. Status family. 9815606336 , 9357251946

### DIVORCEE

**HINDU ADIDRAVIDAR** MD 36/165 Punarpoosam/ Mithunam, seeks groom from same community, preferred Engineer/ SW/ Doctors 37–41yrs. Ct: 8148323860

**CHENNAI SETTLED,** vanniyar, upper middle, 30, fair, working, no issue, divorcee seeking progressive & Chennai groom. CNB. Divorced, 30–37 preferred. WhatsApp 6369409596

### DOCTOR

**SEEKING A** Suitable Hindu Tamil Doctor Groom for a Gynecologists DNB, 29yrs, 158cm, HINDU, BC, working in Chennai Contact: 9444141815

**MBBS KSHATRIYARAJU** Hindu Bride 27/ 5'3"/ Fair NEET Preparing Seeks Hindu PG Doctor in or around Chennai Caste No Bar Contact: 94444 67192 / 88257 28652.

**SEEKING PHYSICIAN** groom 30–34yrs done PG,willing to relocate to Canada for physician bride. Contact: oceanfauna@gmail.com

**Hindu Sozhia** vellalar Makam / Sirmam fair 25/155 MBBS passed PLAB2 working in UK seeks Doctor groom in UK or willing to go to UK (also Engg groom). Ct : 9443142646, 9442222401 or sripriya233@gmail.com

**Wanted DOCTOR Groom**
**Working in USA for Affluent Chennai Doctor Bride working in California.**
**25 fair slim 165cm, Tamil BC**
**WhatsApp**
**96770 26459**

**Balija, Doctor** MBBS., working in Pvt. Hospital,good looking 31/165 Chennai seeks Doctor / CA Groom. Father Govt Doctor. Ct: 9840196667 / 9789032670

### ENGINEER

**SEEKING UPPER** middle class groom willing to settle down in Canada/ USA for our daughter, 26 years, residing in USA, MBA, Hindu, Vanniyar. watsapp +1 5715996089 or 99414 93276

**KAYASTHA FEB** '89 born fair 5ft 5inch BE Sr. Software Engineer, Bangalore seeks BE/ plus MBA groom preferably working at Bangalore, call 7543991775

### MALAYALAM

**MALAYALEE VISHWAKARMA(G.S)** girl 39/ 162, Avittom, Deputy Manager in MNC,Chennai seeks Educated & Employed Groom (CNB). 9445651626, 9952995662

**THIYYA GIRL** 31/164, MBBS/PG, Pathology, Uthradam, looking for Malabar based professionally qualified Thiyya boy 9048429861

**29YRS. M.TECH** Engineer Non–IT. Velutheduthu Nair. Kannur Kerala. 9074182070

**VISWAKARMA TAMIL** Gold Smith girl from Kerala B.Tech, Age 27, 169 Cm, employed IT Bangalore, seeks alliance from parents of educated employed boys from similar status. 9995963267

**GROOM WANTED**
Malayali Girl,Varma (Thamburatty) 27/152(Thiruvathira), Fair, strict Veg. Thripunithura native, MSc.Phy, CMA Supervisor (In J.E. Cadre) in Bangalore Railway, Bangalore own apartment seeks Veg., well qualified groom, preferred from same caste having central govt or PSU job only.
**Contact:9495467820**

### BENGALI

**Bengali girl,** PhD, 33/5'7", govt.Job, divorced, residing in Vizag-looking for a suitable qualified, empathetic partner with liberal values,open to relocation. Contact: mmalati634@gmail.com, 7003818827(7-9pm)

### COSMOPOLITAN

**PROPOSALS INVITED** for VISWABRAMIN (GOLDSMITH), GIRL, FAIR, Good-looking, 29 Years, 152 cms, STAR - BHARANI, born and brought up in DUBAI, LLB and LLM from ENGLAND. Working as LAWYER in DUBAI. BOYS working in UK only, NEWYORK also PREFERABLE, from GOOD FAMILY background, born and studied OUTSIDE KERALA or OUTSIDE INDIA, write to GRJMHN@GMAIL.COM

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**Working in NHS London**
**37/167 Fair Tamil Protestant CSI Christian Nadar BC innocent divorcee no issues seeks christian Doctor Groom/ Professionals in UK/ India. Caste no bar**
**Ph: 98435 26370**

### TAMIL

**Alliance Invited** for a Protestant born-again Girl, BDS, MPH(Health Administration) 28/152cm, Working as a Consultant (MOHFW, Delhi) EM: mamiagead23@gmail.com Ct: +91 98940 40344, 98954 55595.

**RC NADAR** 26, fair PG from most reputed business group looking for bureaucrats, educated business men. pl do send the groom details to : divinemercy2499@gmail.com

**CSI CHRISTIAN** Nadar Girl Fair, Good Looking, 03–04–1986 born / 152cm / M.Sc M.Phil, working as Assistant Professor in a Reputed Women's College, Mount Road, Chennai. Both Parents Doctors (Private). Suitable Alliance, Employed / Settled in Chennai / With Clean Habits from Same Community. Contact: 9841182514

**CSI NADAR, 24, ME. Structural Engg / 5.5, Fair, Rich Business Family. Contact: 98422 40422**

**CSI** / Bride / SC / 42yrs/ 162cm / Wheatish / M.com., CA/ Seeks Suitable Bridegroom in Chennai. 8056405017

**CHRISTIAN NADAR,** Bride Fair, 28yrs, MBBS, MS, Suitable Groom Wanted. Ph: 8667262565

**SINGAPORE Based** Christian bride, 34yrs M.E., S/W Engr, working seeks groom fr IT/Engr.W.App - 6588704764

**CSI PROTESTENT** 27, ME/MNC Bangalore, Slim, Fair Pretty Girl Seeks Well Qualified Boy. Ct: 6379397599

**HINDU, SC** –Adi Dravida, Female, age 29, height 5ft 7inch B.E/MBA, Work: Accenture, Ph: 9444991091

**HASTHAM 34/**154 fair MCA Upper mid Clas Seeks Mudaliar / pillai professionally Qualified Groom 8220757159

**HINDU NADAR** 24 yrs fair BE working in IT Trivandrum seeking well employed groom preferably from KK Dt 9840699495.

**SAIVA PILLAI** 30/165/B.Tech MBA Girl Thiruvathirai Employed in MNC, Chennai. Ct 044–48041602 / 9643003640

**PILLAI/MUDALIAR, 33,** Good looking, MBBS,MD Final yr,Well Settled family seeks Groom aged 33-36 yrs, Engineer/Business/Doctor.Ct: 9345855735

**MUDALIAR/ PILLAI,** 26 B.E Kettai Working in Leading MNC Co. Reputed Business Family Seeks Alliance for His Daughter Call 98400 93322

**AGAMUDI MUDALIAR,**ELITE Family Sep 91/165 PG,Working HR MNC Seeks MS/ M.Tech Groom. SubCaste Ok 9176780777

**HINDU NADAR** B.Com, MBA 26 years 170CM/White, Salary 40000/– CHENNAI Contact: 8148080800

**HINDU SC,** 36, Girl Height 160 cm M.A, Chennai, Seeks Suitable same caste Groom. 7448689150 / 9444796980

**HINDU/SC.AD, SIMMAM**/MAGAM(27/5'2") MCA, TA @ Infosys, 10L.p.a. Same Caste Groom from Chennai. 9840365908

**HINDU NADAR** Sister Girls, age 28 / 23, Ht 167/167cms, M.E. Asst Prof / B.E (I.T), Upper middle class. Seeks Upper middle class, equally qualified boys of age below 30 in job or business. Marriage both at a stage.Contact : 96265 15511

**CSI CHRISTIAN** Nadar Doctors seek Suitable Groom for Fair Doctor Girl Aged 23 Respond dmsj0499@gmail.com

**TAMIL VISWAKARMA** /40 /150 Fair Thiruvonam/ ME(CSE) seeks suitable Same Caste Groom. 9486320982

**INTER CASTE** Parents seek for daughter 27/156 SWE employed Chennai, from suitable Hindu groom. 90032 87101

**Hindu Devendrakula** vellalar 164cm DOB-30/11/1984 Swathi Thulam MBBS,MS(ENT) Seeks suitable Doctor / Group 1 officer groom from same community 6381747413 / 8838903845

**HINDU NADAR** 32/154BE MBA SWE IAM cyber security Accenture UK Simmam Pooram suitable Groom 9442126376

**ASST. PROF.** Physics, Tuluva Vellala Mudaliar Good looking Girl 34 Uthirattathy, Meenam, Family Seeks Alliance from First and Unmarried Bachelor Bridegroom Aged 34–37 Yrs, Employed, Caste no bar. Contact: After 4 PM; 7550245659

**SEEKING EMPLOYED** Groom below 36 years from Elite Family for Divorced 30 years Employed Bride BE & MBA Fair & Homely from SC AD Hindu Elite Family. Cast No Bar. 7305518877

**AGAMUDIAR MUDALIAR** upper middle for 30/ 168/ BDS. V.Fair Proposed to built Own Clinic & Hospital in Chennai Seeks Doctor/ Engineer/ Business professional. Sub Caste ok. Ct: 9486531194, 8637481104

**PQM for** Chennai Mudaliar Girl 28 Yrs 173cm Fair Magam, BE MBA, MNC 14LPA, Email quax452@gmail.com or 9841306599.

**VANNIYAR 28** PhD mirugaseirisham midhunam meenam lagnam, seeks appropriate groom. Contact: 9791852050

**VANNIYAKULA KSHATRIYA, Age 26, Fair, Anusham, Only Daughter, MS, USA Employed, Family Well Settled in Chennai. Looking for MS, USA Working Groom. Ct: 9884071390**

### TAMIL

**DIVORCEE 42,**BA, Very Fair 2Children, Seeks Broad Minded Groom blw 46,Cast No Bar Chennai only. 9025791355

**HINDU SOZHIYA** Vellalar 38/160cm MBBS Govt, Divorcee (No Child) Seeks MBBS, PDS, PG Suitable Groom (No Child) Good Family. Contact : 96773 00179 & 80153 33556

**Hindu Nadar,** 30/166, V.Fair, B.E, M.S working in Australia pooram, simmam Seeks Abroad Employed Groom, 63886 74495. ish.anbalagan@gmail.com

**MUDALIAR (CNB)** : 24/165, V.Fair & Beautiful, B.E, M.S (UK),Data Analyst, MNC, London, Business Family, Seeks groom Any Abroad / Business – 8925019776

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# 'Belief in astrology linked to cognitive, psychological factors'

## Further research on the condition is necessary for development of preventative and curative intervention efforts, say NIMHANS researchers

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

A review of available literature journals by researchers from NIMHANS has revealed the association of belief in astrology and fortune-telling with cognitive, personality, and psychological factors such as thinking style, self-concept verification, and stress.

The review article titled 'Fixating on the future: An overview of increased astrology use' was recently published in the *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*.

"We had a case wherein a 35-year-old person got into a habit of consulting astrologers online as he was going through a bad phase of life. He not only suffered financial losses but also went into severe depression when his situation did not improve. But he still had an urge to consult other astrologers, further causing psychological issues. This prompted us to study more such cases," said Manoj Kumar Sharma, additional professor, SHUT (Service for Healthy use of Technology) clinic at NIMHANS. He is the corresponding author of the review article.

### 101 papers

Following this, a team of four psychologists reviewed 101 available research papers in peer-reviewed journals online and found that there was an association between mental health issues with the obsessive use of astrology.

"Case studies on 'fortune-telling addiction' have conceptualised it as a possible behavioural addiction and have reported symptoms such as distress, cravings, and salience. We found only one case report where belief in astrology has been documented as addiction. However, further research on the condition along with its psychosocial determinants is necessary for the development of preventative and curative intervention efforts," Dr. Sharma told *The Hindu* on Saturday.

### COVID factor

Pointing out that interest in astrology has surged recently, possibly due to the uncertain conditions in the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Sharma said: "Our team comprising research scholar Abhilasha Das, Associate Professor Himani Kashyap and Clinical Psychologist Srijita Gupta found that Google Trends reported that searches for "birth chart" and "astrology" hit a five-year high in 2020 after the pandemic. We also found that 18 start-ups have launched astrology apps in India and many of these apps have seen growth at the rate of 40-400%."

While belief in astrology is common and socially legitimised in many cultures, a few instances of excessive engagement with astrological services or "fortune-telling addiction" are indicating a risk of adverse mental health consequences, he said.

"To understand the existing research base on correlates of belief in astrology and fortune-telling, we carried out a scoping review to synthesise the available literature base on belief in astrology and to review the evidence for "fortune-telling addiction" using Arksey and O'Malley's methodological framework. Databases of PubMed, ProQuest, EBSCO, and SCOPUS were searched for relevant studies published in peer-reviewed journals," he explained.

### Implications

"On the basis of case studies, it can be hypothesised that individuals who struggle with increased astrology use will develop a dependence on the fortune teller and find it difficult to utilise critical thinking skills in problem-solving. They may rely excessively on astrologers or horoscopes for making significant decisions, possibly leading to increased anxiety about coping with unexpected situations on their own. Substantial financial losses may be incurred by the service users due to repeatedly paying charges for consultations," the article stated.

"Because these individuals tend not to seek psychological help, the emotional difficulties underlying the increased astrology use may worsen. Distressed people may go undiagnosed and be untreated due to their persistent preoccupation with finding a solution through astrology," the article stated.

"Using the existing research base of correlates of belief in astrology as the starting point, research on the psychological, cognitive, and social factors that cause vulnerability to increased astrology use is needed. Future research is also needed to determine the extent of harm that can be caused by increased astrology use and fortune-telling services on the individual as well as the society at large," the article recommended.

Besides, long-term effects on cognition and personality variables need to be studied as well, it stated. Further research is needed to better understand the prevalence of co-morbid diseases in these situations, the relationship with other psychiatric disorders and addictions, the article pointed out.

# These tourists like to gaze at the sky

## Western Ghats in the State and Himalayan range are the favourite spots of stargazers

JAHNAVI T.R.
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The days after the pandemic have seen tourists prefer lesser known, less crowded destinations. There is also a lot of demand for having new experiences. The latest among such trends in Karnataka has been astro (astronomy) tourism.

Though stargazing only used to be a hobby before, now separate, pollution-free, destinations are being set up for sky enthusiasts to visit and observe. • FILE PHOTO

Though stargazing only used to be a hobby before, now separate, pollution-free, destinations are being set up for sky enthusiasts to visit and observe. Out of 2,000 tourists so far.

Starscapes, a startup, has been offering astronomy experiences throughout the country with their observatories, to cater to the growing interest. They provide state-of-the-art equipment for observations, astrophotography and research projects. In Karnataka, they launched their first property, a mobile observatory, in Madikeri and the second in Virajpet (both in Kodagu) in December 2021 and April 2022, respectively. Out of more than 2,000 guests here, 20 to 25% were from Bengaluru, the company says.

"During the off-season (June to September and February to March), Starscapes has more tourists from Karnataka as compared to other States," the company said. After noticing the good response, they received in Madikeri, they opened a new observatory in Ooty to attract more tourists from Bengaluru and Chennai.

However, the local tour operators say that the demand for such destinations is yet to pick up as most travellers who visit, still prefer the famed Raja Seat, Mandalapatti, Kushalnagar and the like. "We book around 25-30 tours in a day. Only recently, just one or two tourists enquired about this astro tourism spot. It is yet to gain popularity. Not even many locals are aware of it, let alone tourists," said an employee at Skanda Coorg Travels in Madikeri.

Within the State, deep inside the Western Ghats, is where stargazers go for astro tours. "It is impossible to see clear skies in places close to Bengaluru. Many go to Kemmannugundi, Kuduremukha, and Bhadra forest beyond Chikkamagaluru for skygazing. There are some pockets available in Karnataka, but the season is only from November to March," said Ravindra Aradhya, president, Association of Bangalore Amateur Astronomers.

The proximity to the sea makes south Indian observatories a less favoured option due to the frequently cloudy skies. This is why staunch astro observers go to the Himalayan range. This, however, can be a costly affair as it includes transporting their telescopes, spending on warm clothes and other equipment.

"There are two reasons why astro tourists go to the Himalayas: one is the climate and the other is the lack of light pollution. Those who go to observatories in Kodagu or other hill stations, prefer to go to the Himalayas to observe faint, deep sky objects. Something which you can see in a small telescope in urban areas can be seen with the naked eye in the Himalayan range. Additionally, the colder it gets, the better it gets for astrophotography," explained Naveen Nanjundappa, member, Bangalore Astronomical Society (BAS).

The star parties at Hanle village can now happen over a dedicated 1,000-acre space which is why deep sky observers from the State make it a point to visit the place at least once in their lifetime. Vishwanath S.K., a member of BAS, is gearing up to visit Hanle for the first time this month. "This is almost like a pilgrimage for us. One of the world's largest telescopes at the Indian Astronomical Society and lesser atmospheric space between the earth and sky due to its high altitude makes it the most favourable place for skygazing," he said.

### No plans to develop sites

Tourism Department officials said so far, the government had not set up any observatories for stargazing or astro tourism, but such relaxed vacations were being promoted under wellness tourism. "For now, we do not have any plans to set up such properties," said T. Venkatesh, Director, Department of Tourism.

# Bill on KSEEB, DPUE exam system merger to be tabled

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

After five years, the time has come for the merger of the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) and the Department of Pre-University Education (DPUE) examination system. The State government is preparing to table the KSEEB and DPUE merger draft Bill in the upcoming legislature session.

The government intends to merge only the examination system of the KSEEB and the DPUE and create a separate board or authority to conduct the examination for Class X and PUC.

"Karnataka is the only State which is conducting Class X and Class XII examinations with separate boards. So, at first, we will merge the examination system of the KSEEB and the DPUE and create a separate body. The new body will take charge of the SSLC and PU examinations. The mechanism and the pattern will be the same for both. We will frame this body with all legal aspects. Therefore, we will table the draft Bill in the coming session," said B.C. Nagesh, Minister for School Education and Literacy.

The government is implementing the National Education Policy-2020 in stages in the State. According to the NEP, PU classes come under school education and in the future, the DPUE will be a part of it. Recently, an expert committee submitted a report to the government about merging the examination systems of the KSEEB and the DPUE and creating a separate board or authority.

# Book on G.V. Srirama Reddy released

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

An edited volume on the former MLA and leader of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) late G.V. Srirama Reddy was released in Bengaluru on Friday.

The book 'Sadanadalli Srirama Reddy', edited by journalist Naveen Soorinje, was released by Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah in the presence of JD(S) leader Y.S.V. Datta, and labour leader V.G.K. Nair. Mr. Siddaramaiah described Reddy as a leader who never compromised on his principles and always took up people's causes. The late leader had represented Bagepalli Assembly segment from 1999 to 2009.

# CID arrests Sushil Mantri and his son

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has arrested Sushil P. Mantri, founder of Mantri Developers, and his son in a case related to cheating people by promising flats.

**By ED**

Sushil Mantri had recently been arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money-laundering case and after he was released on bail, the CID, probing the case, arrested him along with his son Prateek Mantri on Friday night. The duo was produced before the court, which remanded them in judicial custody. CID officials are planning to take them in custody on Monday.

The company has been accused of misusing its brand by promising people flats, taking huge amounts of money and cheating the investors.

Cheating cases have been filed against the company in Cubbon Park and Subramanyapura police stations, which have been taken over by the CID.

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*With the legislature session set to begin on Monday and the BJP's 'Janaspandana' event building the tempo for it, political activity is picking up pace in Karnataka*

# Stormy session in store, with rain and corruption for ammunition

## Ten-day session starting tomorrow crucial for all parties ahead of Assembly polls

NAGESH PRABHU
BENGALURU

The 10-day monsoon session of the Karnataka Legislature, which will get underway on Monday, is expected to be acrimonious, considering that the Opposition is eager to corner the BJP government on handling of rain havoc in Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka, and on the alleged PSI scam and corruption in contract works.

The session is crucial for all political parties ahead of the next year's Assembly elections.

It is expected to be stormy as the Opposition Congress and JD(S) are keen to expose the Basavaraj Bommai-led government on issues of alleged "40% corruption", scams in recruitment, and "crumbling" Bengaluru's infrastructure and rain havoc in districts.

The Opposition parties are likely to raise destruction caused by south-west monsoon to standing crops on thousands of hectares, houses, and public infrastructure. The alleged delay on the part of the authorities to disburse compensation to families affected by rains and floods is expected to be raised.

The Opposition is also eager to corner the BJP on the alleged PSI scam. •FILE PHOTO

From the treasury benches, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is expected to counter the Opposition's attack by rolling out alleged corrupt deals during the previous Congress government, as indicated by him during the 'Janaspandana' event held by the ruling party on Saturday at Doddaballapur.

**Communal politics**

The ruling BJP's attempt to divide the people on communal lines by raking up a V.D. Savarkar-versus-Tipu Sultan debate during the Ganesha festival, the killings of youths in Dakshina Kannada and Shivamogga, and NIA probe only into killings of BJP Yuva Morcha leader Praveen Nettaru and not Mohammed Fazil and B. Masood in Dakshina Kannada are expected to raise the heat.

The Opposition will question the probe by the Udupi police which had given a clean chit to former Minister and MLA K.S. Eshwarappa in a case related to the alleged suicide of contractor Santhosh Patil. Patil's family blamed the then RDPR Minister for his death. The government would come under criticism on alleged saffronisation of school education and lapses in the CET rankings of 2022 as well.

The Opposition, particularly the Congress, which has questioned the "existence" of the government on several occasions, is expected to embarrass a few Ministers and MLAs on different issues. Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy's remark ("We are not running a government here, but just doing management") during a phone conversation with a Channapatna-based social worker and MLA Aravind Limbavali's behaviour with a woman in Bengaluru too would be raised.

Members of both ruling and Opposition would take jibes at each other on Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah's 75th birthday show in Davangere and the Mr. Bommai-led government's 'Janaspandana'.

The delimitation of wards, postponement of elections to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, discrimination in allocation of funds for constituencies of Opposition members, delay in getting clearance for the Mekadatu project, and delay in fixing quota for some communities are expected to come up for discussion during the session.

The government is expected to table a Bill to constitute a separate authority to manage Bengaluru's traffic density.

Meanwhile, the Legislative Council is likely to elect a new chairman since BJP's Raghunath Rao Malkapure has been the protem chairman for over three months following the resignation of Basavaraj Horatti, who joined the BJP and won for a record eighth time.

The session will provide an opportunity for the government to take stock of its lapses in governance. For the Congress, it will provide a platform to put the government on the mat ahead of its leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' entering Karnataka on September 30.

# Stop us if you have the guts, Bommai dares Opposition

## BJP says 3 to 5 lakh attended event; police estimate 70,000

K.V. ADITYA BHARDWAJ
BENGALURU

An aggressive Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai dared the Opposition to "stop lotus from booming again if they have the guts", declaring that BJP was confident of coming back to power in the 2023 Assembly elections with 150 seats.

He was speaking at the Janaspandana event at Doddaballapur on Saturday.

BJP leaders Smriti Irani, B.S. Yediyurappa, Basavaraj Bommai, K. Sudhakar, and C.T. Ravi at 'Janaspandana' at Doddaballapur on Saturday; (below) the crowd. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**'Till Modi is PM'**

Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa said they will never allow the Congress to come back to power in the State till Narendra Modi was the Prime Minister of the country.

Many leaders who spoke at the event said they drew their confidence from the "massive crowds" at the event in Doddaballapur, a region where the BJP organisation was not strong. Leaders put the size of the crowd anywhere between three to five lakh. While Mr. Yediyurappa put it at three to four lakh and said as many people in the grounds were waiting outside in buses not able to get in, BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel said there was traffic jam for eight kilometres around the venue.

Multiple leaders highlighted the "massive crowds" at the event was in an apparent comparison to Siddaramaiah's 75th birthday bash in Davangere on August 3, though it was not openly stated. However, police sources estimated the crowds to be at around 70,000 and said there were no traffic snarls. "It was a small venue and the party had organised around 40,000 chairs," a senior official said.

A senior BJP leader, on condition of anonymity, said: "The event seemed jinxed. It got postponed twice, its name was changed. BJP national president J.P. Nadda was supposed to chair the rally, but we had to make good with Smriti Irani, who may be a good speaker but politically less significant," he said.

However, BJP leaders argued that such massive crowds in an area where they were weak showed people's love for them and this should dispel the dreams of the Congress leaders of returning to power. "If so many of you have gathered here in a place where we are not strong to show us love, imagine what will be the crowds elsewhere. Better if Congress leaders give up their assumptions of returning to power in 2023," said Mr. Yediyurappa.

Multiple leaders, starting with Mr. Yediyurappa who was the first speaker at the event, credited Minister for Health and Family Welfare K. Sudhakar, who was in charge of the event, for the "massive turnout". Ministers Munirathna and N. Nagaraju (MTB) were also credited with organising the event, along with Mr. Sudhakar. All three are defectors to the BJP in 2019 from Congress.

## Rahul has waged a war against Indian state: Smriti

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi-led 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' received much scorn at the BJP event on Saturday. Union Minister Smriti Irani, who defeated Mr. Rahul at Amethi in 2019, said he was doing the yatra along with those who had called for the dismemberment of India, who he had inducted into the party. "Mr. Rahul has waged a war against the very structure of the Indian state," she alleged.

BJP national general secretary C.T. Ravi also claimed Mr. Rahul was doing the yatra with the "tukde tukde gang".

FROM PAGE ONE

## Siddaramaiah becomes the prime target

Mr. Bommai termed the coalition government in 2018 as a "subversion of the mandate due to the power greediness of the Congress" and described the 17 defectors to BJP as "veeraru" (men of courage) who had helped "end the misrule" and brought the BJP to power.

Going hammer and tongs at Mr. Siddaramaiah, Mr. Bommai described the Congress governance as "corrupt" and that it would soon be exposed.

"You talk of commission in my government. Yours was a 100% commission government," he said, alleging that many bills were cleared without any works being taken up. Listing out a string of alleged scams, he spoke of the Arkavathi re-do exercise and teachers and police recruitments, among others. He said that teachers' recruitment scam probe had already been handed over to CID and more would follow.

"People will see for themselves how corrupt the Congress regime was," he said. He alleged that IAS officer Anurag Tiwari who was probing irregularities in Anna Bhagya scheme had died "mysteriously".

BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel requested the Chief Minister to order a probe into allegations of corruption in the Arkavathi re-do scheme, while BJP national general secretary C.T. Ravi asked the crowd what would happen to Mr. Siddaramaiah and D.K. Shivakumar if they probed the alleged Arkavathi scam and the solar allotment scam.

**'Ready to face probe'**

Taking to Twitter later, Mr. Siddaramaiah hit back, saying this amounted to blackmail and that they would not bend. "In the last 16 years, they [BJP] were in power for 11 years. If the Chief Minister has the courage, let him order a probe for the entire duration. We are ready to face it," he said.

# 'Bharat Jodo yatra' is against bad governance of BJP: DKS

## Congress yatra to enter the State on September 30

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday said 'Bharat Jodo yatra', launched by the Congress, is the voice of every Indian to protest against the BJP government's bad governance both at the Centre and in the State.

"For Karnataka, we have named this yatra 'Bharata Aikyata Yatre', which will begin from Chamarajanagar on September 30 and end at Raichur," Mr. Shivakumar told presspersons.

An online registration portal was launched for people, irrespective of their political affiliations, to take part in the rally. He said the website http://bharathaikyatayatre.in has many unique features, including allowing participants to choose how much and which leg of the yatra to join, participate as "digital yatris" for those who cannot be present physically.

D.K. Shivakumar •FILE PHOTO

**Registration open**

"We invite the people of Karnataka to register themselves just like they did for our #FreedomMarch," he said. He said that anyone can be a participant or even a volunteer by choosing preference on the website. "Let's all march together for our nation and its future," Mr. Shivakumar tweeted.

The yatra is to ensure that the country becomes a "garden of peace for all people", in contrast to the present BJP government, which is dividing people on religious lines and spreading disharmony, he said. The other objectives are fighting price rise, unemployment, freeing Karnataka of corruption, and improving the lot of farmers and the poor, Mr. Shivakumar said.

Different sections of people, including workers, farmers, women, Dalits, and minorities, will be given an opportunity to interact with senior party leader Rahul Gandhi, who is leading the yatra, during afternoon breaks, the Congress leader said.

## 'The future Bengaluru'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai described Doddaballapur, Devanahalli, Chickaballapur, and Nelamangala towns to the north of Bengaluru as "future Bengaluru" and said his government would soon bring out a master plan for these towns to develop them as satellite towns.

He said he had earmarked ₹3,000 crore for the Yettinahole project and hoped they would be able to provide water this year.

# Siddaramaiah hits back

## He charges BJP of corruption

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU/HUBBALLI

Hitting back at BJP leaders who launched an attack on him, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah said three things characterised the three year rule of BJP: lies, corruption, and maladministration.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said the Congress was not making any new allegations of corruption against the government but only seeking answers for what BJP MLAs, Ministers, and independent bodies by Karnataka High Court, Karnataka State Contractors' Association, and private school managements' association had alleged.

"It was a BJP MLA who said one can become the Chief Minister paying the BJP high command ₹2,000 crore. It was A.H. Vishwanath who alleged the ₹2,000 crore kickback in the Bhadra Upper Bank project. It was K.S. Eshwarappa who complained to the Governor against then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa alleging interference and corruption. It is BJP MLA Basavaraj Dadesugur who said he paid the bribe he had collected in PSI recruitment to the government," Mr. Siddaramaiah said in a statement he issued on Saturday.

Siddaramaiah •FILE PHOTO

"It's the contractors' and private school managements' associations who have directly written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi alleging widespread corruption, not the Congress," he said, listing several allegations of corruption against members of the government.

**'Dancing on stage'**

Speaking at Hubballi, Mr. Siddaramaraiah said that at a time when people of the State were waiting for compensation for the damages caused due to rain and floods, the BJP Ministers were "dancing on the stage in the name of Janaspandana."

People are forced to use boats to cross inundated roads and instead of responding to the public grievances, the BJP leaders were celebrating, he lashed out.

## B. Gangadhara Murthy dead

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Writer, thinker, and leader of Dalit movement B. Gangadhara Murthy, 77, passed away on Saturday, following a massive heart attack.

Prof. Murthy, a native of Holenarsipur in Hassan district, retired as English professor from National College in Gouribidanur. He was associated with progressive movements in the State, including Bandaya Sahitya movement, Dalit movement, and rationalists' movement for four decades. He worked as editor-in-chief of Karnataka Jnana Vigyan Samiti teachers' monthly for over a decade.

An important work of Prof. Murthy was designing the monument at Vidurashwatha, the place of flag satyagraha massacre in 1938, during the height of freedom movement. Another memorable work of his was the construction of the 'Samanatha Soudha' in memory of B.R. Ambedkar next to the new tahsildar's office in Gauribidanur.

His body will be kept for public viewing at his residence in Gouribidanur on Sunday till afternoon. After that, the body will be donated to a medical college hospital, family sources said.

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**BEFORE THE 72ND ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE, (CCH-73)**
**P & S.C. No.25052/2022 Hg: 30-09-2022**

PETITIONER:-
**VIKRAM RAO**, aged 57 years, son of late Dr. Bantval Bhaskar Rao, presently residing at # 1025, D Wing Westend, Raheja Vihar, Powai, Mumbai - 400 072

-Versus-

RESPONDENT/S:- NIL

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Notice is hereby given that a petition has been made to this Court under Section 276 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, for grant of Probate in respect of the last Will and Testament dated 07/04/2003 of the deceased B.MEERA RAO resident of No.30, Ram Krupa, Sankey Road Cross, Abshot Layout, Bangalore-560 052 who died testate on 22/01/2020 at Bangalore.

Be it known that No Caveat has been entered and the said petition is posted for hearing on 30-9-2022 at 11 'O' Clock. Any person/s claiming to have any interest may come and participate in the proceedings before grant of Probate is made.

**ANNEXURE A**
**VALUATION OF THE MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OF DECEASED:**

| | | Rs. P. |
|---|---|---|
| I. | **MOVABLE PROPERTY CONSISITING OF** | |
| | A) Cash in hand : | NIL |
| | B) Cash in Bank | |
| S.No | Particulars | Approx Amt. ₹ |
| 1. | Fixed Deposit<br>ICICI Bank (FD No. 002013147413)<br>Bank of Baroda<br>Total | ₹ 10,00,000/- |
| 2. | Post Office | 12,000/- |
| 3. | **Savings Account** | |
| | Vijaya Bank, Sankey Road A/C No. 118901010119859)<br>Karnataka Bank, Nehrunagar (A/C No. 0632500100670001)<br>ICICI Bank ( A/C No. 002001051705)<br>IDFC First Bank (A/C No. 5488354575)<br>Total | 3,50,000/- |
| | Grand Total | 13,62,000/- |
| (i) | Household goods wearing Apparel, books, plates, Jewels etc (approximately) | |
| S.No | Particulars | Approx Amt. ₹ |
| D. | Jewellery | |
| 1. | Stored in Vijaya Bank Locker and Miscellaneous | 5 Lakhs |
| | Grand Total (Jewelry) | 5 Lakhs |
| | SUB TOTAL: Rs.5,00,000/- | |
| II. | **PROPERTY IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES TRANSFERABLE AT PUBLIC DEBT OFFICE** | Nil |
| III. | **IMMOVABLE PROPERTY** | Rs.3,47,91,400/- |
| S.No | Particulars | Approx Amt. ₹ |
| C. | **Immovable Property** | |
| 1. | House<br>30 Ram Krupa, Sankey Road Cross<br>Abshot Layout, Near Windsor Manor Hotel<br>Bangalore, Karnataka 560052 measuring 3160 sq ft | 3,47,91,400/- |
| | **Grand Total (Immovable Property** | |
| IV. | LEASEHOLD PROPERTY | Nil |
| V. | PROPERTY IN PUBLIC COMPANIES | Nil |
| VI. | POLICIES OF INSURANCE UPON LIFE, MONEY OUT ON MORTGAGE AND OTHER SECURITIES, SUCH AS BONDS, BILLS, AND OTHER SECURITIES FOR MONEY | Nil |
| VII. | **DEBTS** | Nil |
| VIII. | **STOCK IN TRADE** | |
| S.No | Particulars | Quantity |
| B. | **Stock in Trade (Demat Zerodha)** | |
| 1. | GOODYEAR | 124 |
| 2. | ITC | 2475 |
| 3. | KTKBANK | 1364 |
| 4. | L&TFH | 200 |
| 5. | LT | 675 |
| 6. | M&M | 4897 |
| 7. | UNITDSPR | 2100 |
| 8. | MCLEODRUSS | 23 |
| 9. | NIPPOBATRY | 200 |
| 10. | RCOM | 648 |
| 11. | RELIANCE | 48 |
| 12. | RPOWER | 162 |
| 13. | ULTRACMCO | 50 |
| | **Stock in Trade (Demat ICICI Securities)** | |
| 1. | MINDA COPORATION LTD | 470 |
| 2. | ICICI BANK LIMITED | 130 |
| 3. | STATE BANK OF INDIA | 50 |
| 4. | EMBASSY OFFICE PARKS REIT | 200 |
| 5. | LARSEN AND TURBO LIMITED | 90 |
| 6. | TITIAN COMPANY LIMITED | 52 |
| 7. | MOTILAL OSWAL MS NASDAQ 100ETF | 320 |
| 8. | SBI-ETF GOLD | 1500 |
| 9. | MOTILAL OSWAL M100ETF | 5072 |
| 10. | SBI-ETF NIFTY 50 | 3340 |
| 11. | NARAYANA HRUDAYALAYA LIMITED | 40 |
| 12. | NTPC LIMITED | 1210 |
| 13. | CATROL INDIA LIMITED | 300 |
| 14. | BATA INDIA LIMITED | 20 |
| 15. | BHARTI AIRTEL LIMITED | 380 |
| | Total | 115 Lakhs (Approx) |
| | **MUTUAL FUNDS** | |
| 1. | ICICI PRUDENTIAL MIP REGULAR QUATERLY DIVIDEND Scheme Folio No.: 257915/24 | 3,424 |
| 2. | ICICI PRUDENTIAL TECHONOLOGY FUND Scheme Folio No.: 170655/01 | 700 |
| 3. | TATA RETIREMENT SAVINGS FUND Scheme Folio No.:311425/00 | 1,335 |
| 4. | TATA LARGE & MID CAP FUND REGULAR PLAN DIVIDEND Scheme Folio No.:515020/53 | 927 |
| 5. | TATA DIVIDEND YILED FUND REGULAR FUND Scheme Folio No.: 515020/53 | 977 |
| 6. | L&T TRIPLE ACE BOND FUND Scheme Folio No.: 2013770 | 781 |
| 7. | DSP EQUITY OPPORTUNITIES FUND REGULAR DIVIDEND Scheme Folio No.: 135705/01 | 651 |
| 8. | Scheme Folio No.: 135708 | 25 |
| | Total | 2.5 Lakhs (Approx) |
| | S.No Particulars Quantity | |
| E. | **Debt Mutual Funds** | |
| 1. | IDFC BANKING & PSU DEBT REG-G | 16,884 |
| 2. | IDFC CORPORATE BOND REG-G | 10,246 |
| 3. | IDFC CORPORATE BOND REG-G | 3, 416 |
| 4. | SBI DYNAMIC BOND-G | 26,316 |
| 5. | IDFC GSF CONSTANT MATURITY REG-G | 7,292 |
| 6. | KOTAK LOW DURATION STANDARD-G | 161 |
| 7. | SBI MAGNUM LOW DURATIN-G | 227 |
| 8. | KOTAK MEDIUM TERM REG-G | 12,183 |
| 9. | IDFC BOND INCOME REG-G | 4,739 |
| 10. | ADITYA BIRLA SL SHORT TERM-G | 8,766 |
| 11. | BHARAT BOND ERF APRIL 2023 | 65 |
| 12. | BHARAT BOND ERF APRIL 2030 | 84 |
| | Grand Total (Debt Mutual Funds) | -Approx 36,00,000/- |
| | GRAND TOTAL .....Rs.1,53,50,000/- | |
| IX. | OTHER PROPERTY NOT COMPRISED UNDER THE FOREGOING HEADS | Nil |
| | TOTAL | Rs.5,20,03,400/- |
| | **LESS**<br>**Deduct items shown in Annexure "B" in the manner provided in Sub Section (2) of Section 53**<br>**NET VALUE OF ESTATE** | Rs. 5,00,000/-<br>Rs. 5,15,03,400/- |

**ANNEXURE B**
**SCHEDULE OF DEBTS**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| I. | Amount of debts due and owing from the deceased, legally payable out of the estate | Nil |
| II | Amount of expenses connected with Medical Treatment to the deceased during her deathbed illness, funeral rites and ceremonies | Rs.5,00,000/- |
| III | Amount of mortgage encumbrances | Nil |
| IV | Property held in trust not beneficially or with general power to confer a beneficial interest | Nil |
| V | Other property not subject to duty | Nil |
| | TOTAL | Rs.5,00,000/- |

Given under my hand and seal this the 25th day of August 2022.

Advocate for Petitioner
**M/s Rego & Rego**
N-509, Manipal Centre, 47/73, Dickenson Road Bangalore-560 042. Ph No. 9845004670

By Order of Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank — Syndicate Bank

**H.O: BENGALURU**
**LARGE CORPORATE BRANCH, SECUNDERABAD (DP CODE:2657)**

**POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)] (For Immovable property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) ( hereinafter referred to as "the Act" ) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, **issued a Demand Notice dated 21.08.2021 calling upon the Guarantors 1. Sri D.Sreedhar Reddy S/o Shri Venkata Rami Reddy,** Residing at Flat No 104 & 204, Jyothi Lotus,Huda Heights, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad 500033, Telangana, India, **2. Sri D. Venkata Rami Reddy S/o Shri Venkat Reddy,** R/o Plot NO. 27, Vidyut Nagar, Ananthapur-516004, Andhra Pradesh,**3. Smt D Aparna w/o D Sreedhar Reddy** Residing at Flat No 104 & 204, Jyothi Lotus,Huda Heights, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad 500033, Telangana, **India to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs 411,00,67,913/- (Rupees Four Hundred Eleven Crores Sixty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice / Publication of the said notice.** A copy of the notice is also served on the borrower company i.e **M/S ASR ENGINEERING & PROJECTS LIMITED ,Corporate Office** : Flat No. 306, G P Elite, 8-2-283/4, Besides Bollywood Recording Studio Road No 14,Banjara Hills, Hyderabad – 500034 **and to Registered Office:** Plot No. 27,Vidyuth Nagar,Anantapur - 515004 (AP).

The borrower / guarantors / mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to The borrower / guarantors / mortgagor for information and public in general, that the under signed has taken **Symbolic possession** of the property/ies on behalf of the Consortium described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules **on this 06 th day of September of the year 2022.**

**The borrower / guarantors / mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank for an amount of Rs. 411, 00, 67,913/- (Rupees Four Hundred Eleven Crores Sixty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen only) along with unapplied interest, Bank charges and expenses thereon from 09.02.2022.** The borrower / guarantors / mortgagor attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**Description of the Immovable Property**

| Description | Extent in Ac.S/Sq.ft/sq.yds |
|---|---|
| **Commercial Land bearing Block No.173/1A &173/1B – 20000sft. Amargol Village limits of Hubli.** | **20000 sft** |

**Date:06/09/2022,PLACE: HYDERABAD** **SD/- AUTHORISED OFFICER,CANARA BANK.**

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**The borrower / guarantors / mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank for an amount of Rs. 411, 00, 67,913/- (Rupees Four Hundred Eleven Crores Sixty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen only) along with unapplied interest, Bank charges and expenses thereon from 09.02.2022.** The borrower / guarantors / mortgagor attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**Description of the Immovable Property**

| Description | Extent in Ac.S/Sq.ft/sq.yds |
|---|---|
| Vacant site of 267.50 sq. yards in S.No.188/2, Plot No.51& 52,(Approved Layout No.169/91-92) at Yalahanka, Kodigehalli Village, Bangalore **North Taluq, Bangalore standing in the name of Sri D. Sreedhar Reddy** | **267.50Sq.yds** |
| Property site bearing No.1845, Sahakara Nagara, Bangalore, 2400 Sft. | **2400 Sq.ft** |

**Date:08.09.2022,PLACE: HYDERABAD** **SD/- AUTHORISED OFFICER,CANARA BANK.**

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
**ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಗುರುಮಿಠಕಲ್**
**(ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ)**

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಶಿಅಯೋಗು/ಮಮಅಇ/ಐಸಿಡಿಎಸ್/ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/02/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:09-09-2022

**ಗುರುಮಿಠಕಲ್ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಇರುವ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಸರಬರಾಜುಗಾಗಿ ಇ- ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಮಮಇ 169 ಐಸಿಡಿ 2021, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 22.03.2022 ರಂತೆ ಗುರುಮಿಠಕಲ್ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ 274 ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಾದ 06 ತಿಂಗಳಿಂದ 06 ವರ್ಷದೊಳಗಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತೃಪೂರ್ಣ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಗರ್ಭಿಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಣಂತಿಯರಿಗೆ ವಿತರಿಸಲು ಅಗತ್ಯ ಇರುವ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಅನುಬಂಧ-2ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿಯಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ e-Procurement Portal ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಂತೆ http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in Online ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅನುಬಂಧ-1ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

**ಅನುಬಂಧ-1** :ವಸ್ತುಗಳು/ಸರಕುಗಳು: ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳು, ಸಾರಿಗೆಹಿತ, ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಮಾಸಿಕ: 2,60,040/- ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ 31,20,484/-, ಘಟಕ: ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳು, ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಅಂದಾಜು ವೆಚ್ಚ (ರೂ.) : 1,87,22,880/-, EMD (ರೂ.):2,80,843-, ವಿತರಣಾ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ: ಪ್ರತಿ ತಿಂಗಳ 5ನೇ, 15ನೇ ಮತ್ತು 25ನೇ ದಿನ.

**ಅನುಬಂಧ-2:ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ** 1.ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.09.2022, 2.ಪೂರ್ವ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ, ಸಮಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಥಳ:23.09.2022 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ: ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಮೂತೂಟ್ ಫೈನಾನ್ಸ್ ಹಿಂದುಗಡೆ, ಗುಮಡಲ್ ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಗುರುಮಿಠಕಲ್-585214, 3. ಇ- ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ1 27.09.2022ರಿಂದ 03:00 PM ವರೆಗೆ, 4.ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಅನ್ನು ಇ- ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲುಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ:28.09.2022ರಿಂದ 04:30 PM ರವರೆಗೆ, 5.ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : 29.09.2022,5:30 PMಅನಂತರ 6. ಹಣಕಾಸು ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ:30.09.2022, 7.ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ:ಇ- ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್, 8. ಸಂವಹನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ವಿಳಾಸ :ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಮೂತೂಟ್ ಫೈನಾನ್ಸ್ ಹಿಂದುಗಡೆ, ಗುಮಡಲ್ ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಗುರುಮಿಠಕಲ್-585214 ದೂರವಾಣಿ:08473-225035ಇಮೇಲ್: cdpo.gurumitkalcg@gmail.com

ಸಹಿ/- ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
ಗುರುಮಿಠಕಲ್

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರಿ/237/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2022-23

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
**ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಶಹಾಪೂರ**
**(ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ)**

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಶಿಅಯೋಶ/ಮಮಅಇ/ಐಸಿಡಿಎಸ್/ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/02/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:09-09-2022

**ಶಹಾಪೂರ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಸರಬರಾಜುಗಾಗಿ ಇ – ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್' ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಮರು-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ :ಮಮಇ 169 ಐಸಿಡಿ 2021, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.03.2022ರಂತೆ ಶಹಾಪೂರ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ 396-ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಾದ 06 ತಿಂಗಳಿಂದ 06 ವರ್ಷದೊಳಗಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತೃಪೂರ್ಣ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಗರ್ಭಿಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಬಾಣಂತಿಯರಿಗೆ ವಿತರಿಸಲು ಅಗತ್ಯಇರುವ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಅನುಬಂಧ-2ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿಯಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ e-Procurement Portal ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಂತೆ http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in Online ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅನುಬಂಧ-1ರಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿಮರು-ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

**ಅನುಬಂಧ-1** :ವಸ್ತುಗಳು/ಸರಕುಗಳು: ಮೊಟ್ಟೆಗಳು, ಸಾರಿಗೆ ಸಹಿತ, ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಮಾಸಿಕ: 5,26,501/-ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ 63,18,012/-, ಘಟಕ: ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗಳು, ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಅಂದಾಜು ವೆಚ್ಚ (ರೂ.):3,79,08,072/-, EMD (ರೂ.):5,68,621/-,ವಿತರಣಾ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ: ಪ್ರತಿ ತಿಂಗಳ 5ನೇ, 15ನೇ ಮತ್ತು 25ನೇ ದಿನ.

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## IN BRIEF

### A.P. CM to inaugurate Parakamani building

TIRUMALA

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy will inaugurate the ₹23-crore Parakamani building here on September 28. The edifice, which is built near the temple complex, will enable the devout to have a glimpse of the counting of the 'hundi' offerings.

### Seized crackers explode in A.P. police station

PARVATHIPURAM

Seized crackers stored in the Saluru I town police station of Parvathipuram Manyam district of Andhra Pradesh exploded on Saturday. The crackers worth about ₹3 lakh, confiscated from unauthorised sellers during Deepavali season last year, exploded mysteriously. None was injured in the incident.

# Two killed as snake boat capsizes in Alappuzha

## The *palliyodam* was conducting a procession on Achencoil river

THE HINDU BUREAU
ALAPPUZHA

Two persons died and another went missing after Chennithala *Palliyodam* (snake boat) capsized in the Achencoil river at Valiyaperumbuzha Kadavu, near Mannar, in Alappuzha on Saturday.

The deceased were identified as Adithyan, 17 of Chennithala, and Vineesh, 37 of Cherukolpuzha. Their bodies were recovered by scuba divers of the Kerala Fire and Rescue Services. The missing person was identified as Rajesh.

According to eyewitness accounts, the *palliyodam* was conducting a procession on the river before its scheduled departure to Aranmula to participate in the Aranmula Uthrittathi boat race when it overturned around 8.30 a.m.

**Fatal trip:** A view of the Chennithala Palliyodam, which was salvaged after it capsized in Achencoil river on Saturday.

"The *palliyodam* was scheduled to leave for Aranmula at 8.50 a.m. Prior to the departure, as per custom, it went on a procession. Besides the oarsmen, other people were on the vessel when it sank. Most of the people who fell into the water swam to safety," said a local resident.

Chengannur Deputy Superintendent of Police R. Jose said a search was on for the missing person. "As per initial reports, four persons went missing after the boat capsized. However, one of the missing persons has returned safely. We have retrieved two bodies from the river and a search is on for the third person," Mr. Jose said, adding that the *palliyodam* was not overloaded.

There were around 50 people on the vessel when it capsized. The Aranmula boat race is scheduled to take place on the Pampa river near the Aranmula Sree Parthasarathy temple in Pathanamthitta district on Sunday.

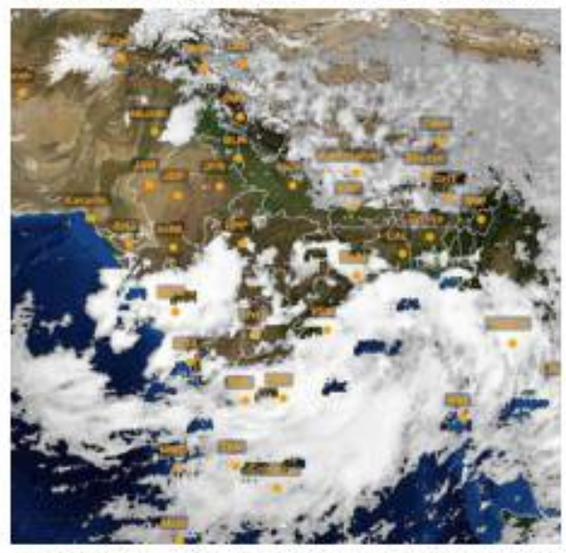
District Collector V.R. Krishna Teja has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the incident. Chengannur Revenue Divisional Officer Suma has been asked to investigate the cause of the accident and she is expected to submit a detailed report in seven days. Following the tragedy, the authorities on Saturday decided to cancel the inaugural function.

As many as 50 *palliyodams* are taking part in the boat race this year.

*(With inputs from Pathanamthitta)*

## WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Sunday:** Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Assam, Mizoram, Odisha, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, Bihar, Jharkhand, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema, Yanam, Karaikal and Mahe

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agartala | 1 | 33.6 | 26.1 | Kozhikode | 26 | 29.4 | 24.6 |
| Ahmedabad | 5 | 38.0 | 26.4 | Kurnool | – | 31.4 | 24.8 |
| Aizawl | 28 | – | 20.7 | Lucknow | – | 35.0 | 27.3 |
| Allahabad | – | 37.3 | 27.2 | Madurai | – | 36.4 | 24.6 |
| Bengaluru | – | 26.7 | 21.0 | Mangaluru | 31.6 | 28.1 | 23.4 |
| Bhopal | – | – | 25.0 | Mumbai | 8 | 31.5 | 25.0 |
| Bhubaneswar | 18 | 31.7 | 25.3 | Mysuru | – | 30.6 | 21.0 |
| Chandigarh | – | 35.1 | 27.4 | New Delhi | – | 36.8 | 27.6 |
| Chennai | – | 33.1 | 27.6 | Patna | – | 35.0 | 27.4 |
| Coimbatore | – | 30.0 | 22.4 | Port Blair | – | 30.4 | 25.2 |
| Dehradun | 2 | 32.3 | 23.0 | Puducherry | – | 33.6 | 25.6 |
| Gangtok | 2 | 22.4 | 16.4 | Pune | – | 31.2 | 23.4 |
| Goa | 61 | 29.4 | 24.2 | Raipur | 4.8 | 31.0 | 25.5 |
| Guwahati | – | 35.3 | 26.3 | Ranchi | 0.8 | 31.3 | 23.1 |
| Hubballi | – | 26.0 | 22.0 | Shillong | – | 27.6 | 18.0 |
| Hyderabad | 5.2 | 28.2 | 22.6 | Shimla | – | 22.8 | 16.6 |
| Imphal | 5 | 29.2 | 20.5 | Srinagar | 3 | 30.2 | 17.7 |
| Jaipur | – | 35.6 | 27.4 | Thiruvananthapuram | 2 | 30.5 | 25.1 |
| Kochi | 20 | 29.0 | 23.0 | Tiruchi | – | 33.5 | 25.5 |
| Kohima | – | 25.4 | 18.8 | Vijayawada | 11 | 29.6 | 25.0 |
| Kolkata | 1 | 33.8 | 27.1 | Visakhapatnam | 10 | 30.8 | 25.9 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing** — **Yesterday**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | 49 | 55 | .54 | 51 | 64 | |
| Bengaluru | 8 | 13 | .31 | 82 | 91 | |
| Chennai | 3 | 42 | .74 | 74 | 69 | |
| Delhi | 8 | 56 | .52 | 136 | 118 | |
| Hyderabad | 29 | 26 | .18 | 40 | 51 | |
| Kolkata | 6 | 28 | .13 | 37 | 46 | |
| Lucknow | 10 | 77 | .38 | 31 | 76 | |
| Mumbai | 4 | 3 | 108 | 42 | 61 | |
| Pune | – | 32 | .82 | – | – | |
| Visakhapatnam | 20 | 34 | .28 | 21 | 36 | |

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Yamunanagar, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 221 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

$SO_2$: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

$NO_2$: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

# Bharat Jodo Yatra to enter Kerala today

## Congress hopes to win over voters ahead of LS polls

G ANAND
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala leg of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra (BJY) will enter the State from Tamil Nadu at the Parassala border on Sunday.

Mr. Gandhi will leg it across Kerala for the next 19 days to muster popular sentiment against the Narendra Modi government at the Centre.

Congress has choreographed the made-for-social media tour to win over voters ahead of the Lok Sabha election in 2024.

The party has repeatedly denied that the yatra has anything to do with the Lok Sabha polls.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi being felicitated during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Kanyakumari district on Saturday. •PTI

Mr. Gandhi will try to pull off a political balancing act, making the right gestures toward different socio-economic groups during the 453-km trek. Mr. Gandhi hopes to put at least 23 km behind him every day.

Mr. Gandhi will use the campaign stops to highlight the "Centre's divisive agenda, authoritarianism, use of constitutional agencies to wreak political vendetta and infringement on federalism", among other regional and national issues.

Meanwhile, right-wing social media groups have spared no effort to blow a hole in Mr. Gandhi's campaign.

They portrayed a post showing Mr. Gandhi discussing Jesus Christ with a set of Christian priests in Kanyakumari district in neighbouring Tamil Nadu as "anti-Hindu".

BJP supporters speculated on the cost of Mr. Gandhi's apparel and the "expensive luxury caravans" accompanying him.

They compared former Prime Minister and Janata Party leader S. Chandrasekhar's "austere" padayatra in 1983 with Mr. Gandhi's allegedly "ostentatious" expedition.

# Kumaraswamy to meet KCR in Hyderabad today

## Likely to discuss a third alternative

N. RAHUL
HYDERABAD

Telangana Rashtra Samithi president and Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao will meet Janata Dal (Secular) leader and former Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy here on Sunday in what is being billed as a precursor to the entry of Mr. Rao on the national stage with the launch of a party most likely on Dasara day.

The meeting of Mr. Rao and Mr. Kumaraswamy was viewed as part of a series of consultations the former had for several months with non-BJP and non-Congress leaders at the national level to forge unity as a third alternative. Both of them had already met once in Bengaluru earlier in the presence of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda.

Sources said the party contemplated by Mr. Rao will be an agglomeration of regional and sub-regional parties while maintaining their own identity. It will have members from different walks of life.

Consultations with them were already over. Mr. Rao will continue as Chief Minister while touring other States to spread the roots of the new party and strengthen it.

# Science meet seeks implementation of anti-superstition Act

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The three-day science conference organised by Karnataka Rajya Vignana Parishat resolved to seek the full implementation of the Karnataka Prevention and Eradication of Inhuman Evil Practices and Black Magic Act, 2017.

A set of resolutions were adopted during the valedictory of the conference here on Saturday and the KRVP said that though the law against superstitious beliefs has been passed, people were not aware of it nor was there clarity or awareness about where and with whom to lodge complaints for spreading superstitions.

The conference also resolved that the government should create a conducive environment to facilitate more women to take up science and scientific research. The conference noted that KRVP had been taken out of the purview of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka, in recent times and wanted the original system to continue.

Prof. B.K.Chalageri (left), Prof. M.R.Nagaraj, Prof. D.R.Baluragi and Ms. Shreemathi Hariprasad, were conferred with Dr. H. Narasimhaiah Award in Mysuru on Saturday. •M.A. SRIRAM

### Other resolutions

The other resolutions were protection of forests in Western Ghats, strict implementation of single-use plastic and engaging school students in study of lakes and monitoring the habitat, establishing science laboratories in all Government schools and training the teachers to ramp up the standards, immediate clearance of lake encroachments, funding of KRVP's science conference which should be held in different districts every year similar to Kannada Sahitya Sammelana.

The KRVP also instituted an award in memory of educationist and rationalist H. Narasimhaiah who was also one of the founders of KRPV. Four persons were conferred the award this year in recognition of their contribution to popularize science. The recipients were M.R. Nagaraj, Shreemathi Hariprasad, B.K. Chalageri and D.R. Baluragi.

Former ISRO chairman A.S. Kiran Kumar who delivered the valedictory address said that science and technology was growing by leaps and bounds and in the age of information explosion, teachers should help the students to sift the genuine from the spurious. He hoped that the efforts of the KRVP and the science congress would help address the issue.

MLC A.H. Vishwanath said that it was science and technology which helped India develop from a food-deficit nation which was importing grains to a food-exporting nation. "The country had to import food to feed nearly 380 million people but today not only was the country self-sufficient to feed 1.3 billion people but was also capable of exporting food," said Mr. Vishwanath. He said the green revolution, the white revolution or operation flood which increased milk production, were all an outcome of science.

However, he cautioned that basic science was taking a backseat in the present times and attributed it to the rise of social media and expressed confidence that the KRVP would continue instilling interest in science among children.

More than 1,000 students and teachers from across the State took part in the conference which was jointly hosted by the Mysuru district administration, Mysuru ZP and KSOU.

# Ministers brainstorm on sustainable coal mining

## Plans for effective coal utilisation discussed in the forum

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Developments and issues concerning coal sector, from reforms undertaken and their impacts, challenges in land acquisition for mining, need to sharpen focus of logistics as well as significance of operationalising allotted coal mines were discussed on the second concluding day of the National Mines Ministers' conference in Hyderabad on Saturday.

Stating that the conference, inaugurated on Friday by Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Prahlad Joshi, was another step in the direction of making the coal sector *Aatma Nirbhar* and promoting sustainable mining in the country, the organisers in a release said the Centre had ushered in several reforms in partnership with the States to boost ease of doing business (EoDB) in the coal sector.

In a set of reforms carried out in 2020 the laws were amended for introduction of a liberalised regime of commercial mining with no restriction on sale/utilisation of coal and allowing captive users to sell 50% of production in open market after meeting the captive requirement. The Centre recently issued a policy allowing one-time relaxation to surrender coal blocks by PSUs without appropriation of bank guarantee.

The Ministry of Coal had taken into account the interest of States while initiating the reforms. According to the release, the conference highlighted the significance of support from the States to harness maximum benefits of the reforms.

While the Coal Ministry executes the commercial agreements it is the States' responsibility to look after operationalisation aspects. Revenue from commercial auctions also accrues to the States concerned. Also, the States were free to frame land compensation policy and the Centre may follow States' policy if it is better. The States were urged to advise Directorates of Mines and Geology to look after the coal sector as well as in near future since the number of commercial mines is going to increase, the release.

# Electricity tariff increase comes into effect in Tamil Nadu

## Tangedco proposal accepted; fixed charges withdrawn for domestic consumers

SANJAY VIJAYAKUMAR
R. SRIKANTH
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC) has accepted the tariff increase proposed by Tangedco for domestic and other categories. The new rates came into effect from Saturday.

TNERC has also allowed an annual revision of tariffs.

Meanwhile, fixed charges are withdrawn for domestic consumers.

TNERC has also allowed for an annual revision of power tariffs. •FILE PHOTO

### Revised charges

Under the revised tariff for domestic consumers using up to 500 units bi-monthly, the revised charges after the first 100 units will be ₹2.25 per unit for 101-200 units, ₹4.50 per unit for 201-400 units, ₹6 per unit for 401-500 units.

Previously, for consumption above 200 units and up to 500 units bi-monthly, the consumer paid ₹2 per unit for 101-200 units and ₹3 per unit for 201-500 units, along with a fixed charge of ₹30 per service. Based on this, consumers using up to 500 units will see their power bill go up nearly 53% to ₹1,725 from the current ₹1,130.

Under a new slab, a consumer using 1,000 units will have to pay ₹6,550.

Common services will be billed under a separate category at ₹8 per unit.

### Commercial category

For commercial and other categories, the hike in the fixed charges has been reduced from the previous proposals.

# Kerala rubber plantations in crisis

## Growers allege official apathy in checking the slide

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KOTTAYAM

The wide belt of rubber plantations that has taken over the tropical hills of Kerala are now giving nightmares to growers.

With the price of natural rubber in a free fall, about 12 lakh small-scale farmers in Kerala, the country's rubber heartland, are counting their losses for the last couple of months. With the impact of the falling prices beginning to reflect in their daily lives as well as the local economy, the growers are up in arms against authorities for their perceived delay in checking the slide.

The price of latex has fallen below ₹120 while that of rubber sheets to ₹150 from ₹180 just ahead of the Ukraine-Russia war. Compounding their fears, reports of a recession afflicting large parts of Europe have begun to emerge.

**Tough times:** A worker tapping a rubber tree at Kombukuthy near Mundakkayam in Kottayam. •VISHNU PRATHAP

"The falling prices have come as a double whammy to the sector, plagued by an unprecedented rise in input costs. About 60% of the rubber plantations in the State are due for replanting and if no action is coming forth at this point, this will only exacerbate the situation," says Babu Joseph, general secretary, National Consortium of Regional Federations of Rubber Producer Societies India.

Among the key demands of the farmers include raising the import duties for latex and compound rubber. They are also demanding raising the replanting subsidy in Kerala.

In central Travancore, where political discourses are inextricably linked to fortunes of the plantation sector, the matter has assumed new proportions with the leading yet warring factions of the Kerala Congress jumping in. While Jose K. Mani, chairman of the Kerala Congress (M), has urged the State government to hike the support price to ₹200, P.C. Thomas, working chairman of the Kerala Congress, has called for constitution of a special fund to support the growers.

Sources in the Rubber Board say the prices could not have reached this low had the domestic industry cooperated. "The manufacturing decline in China owing to its zero-COVID strategy has also coincided with high production of natural rubber in that country. The Indian industry too took advantage of this situation and are now sitting on a huge buffer stock," says an official.

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## Congress to put out electoral rolls

Mr. Mistry also said that for the first time QR code-based identity cards had been issued to all the delegates across the 28 States and eight Union Territories. "Those who want to file nomination should check if they have a delegate identity card available with them. Only people with valid identity cards will be allowed to sign on the nomination papers for the position of the Congress president," Mr. Mistry said.

"This should resolve the anxiety of anybody about the process of filing their nominations without knowing the names of the delegates. Once the nomination is signed and handed over to chief returning officer, they will get the entire list of the delegates," he added.

The CEA chief reiterated his earlier stand as well that Congress party members can also check the list of delegates from their respective State units or the PCCs.

As per the election schedule announced by the CEA, voting for the new president will take place on October 17 if there is more than one candidate in the fray and the last date to file nomination is September 30.

Calling the leak of their letter as "malicious", Mr. Tharoor tweeted, "I am pleased that this clarification has come in the form of his constructive reply to our letter. In view of these assurances, I am satisfied. Many will be glad to move on with an election process that in my view will only strengthen the party."

**Consensus candidate**

A section of the G-23 is said to be scouting for a common candidate to challenge "the official candidate of the establishment". However, the Congress's top leadership are keen that Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot emerges as a consensus candidate. Though Mr. Gehlot has been publicly pitching for former party chief Mr. Gandhi to take over once again, it is learnt that he has already had meetings with senior colleagues, including

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Mukul Wasnik and Mr. Tharoor, who has expressed interest in contesting the election.

# Controversial survey of madrasas starts in U.P.

### The State government has been criticised for the 'malicious move', but Minister says it will benefit the community

STAFF REPORTER
LUCKNOW

Amid the ongoing controversy over madrasas in Uttar Pradesh, the State government started the process of conducting a survey of the Islamic educational institutions from Saturday.

The much-discussed survey of "unrecognised" madrasas will be conducted over a 25-day period by the District Minority Welfare Officers and their teams, along with officials of the Education Department, across the 78 districts of the State.

"Survey of madrasas to start today. We will analyse whether survey teams have been formed in all districts. Our aim is to bring these institutions into the mainstream and produce IAS and IPS [officers], engineers and doctors; hence the teaching of mathematics, English, Hindi and social sciences is also necessary," said Dharmpal Singh, the State's Minister for Minority Welfare, Waqf and the Haj Department.

On September 7, Mr. Singh chaired a high-level meeting at Vidhan Bhavan and has issued directions to form survey teams by September 10 and set a 25-day limit to conduct the whole exercise. The teams formed in the districts have to submit the report to the District Magistrates. The report will then be sent to the State government by October 25.

Mr. Singh on Saturday took potshots at Opposition parties who have been criticising the survey. "The Opposition parties consider minorities as a vote bank but the BJP government believes in providing rights to the minority community," Mr. Singh said.

Study time: Young boys reading the Quran inside a madrasa during the Ramadan month. • THE HINDU

The survey aims to gather information about the details of teachers and students, curriculum, and affiliation of unrecognised madrasas with non-governmental organisations. Uttar Pradesh has more than 16,000 madrasas.

Since the announcement of the survey, a war of words is raging in the State with all the major Opposition parties, including the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), targeting the State government.

**Evil intent, says BSP**

BSP supremo Mayawati said that the ruling dispensation was terrorising the Muslim community with such acts. "The BJP government has an evil intent on madrasas in Uttar Pradesh. The attempts to interfere in the private madrasas, which are run on donations by the Muslim community, in the name of a survey is inappropriate. The government should focus on improving the condition of the government and government-aided madrasas," she said.

Leading Muslim organisations, including the All India Muslim Personal Law Board and the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind, called the survey a "malicious move" to disparage the madrasa system, and asked why the same rules did not apply for Hindu religious institutions such as maths and dharmshalas.

The Minority Welfare Department survey has argued that the exercise will be conducted to the requirements of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), which wanted to check whether basic facilities were being provided to students in madrasas.

During the survey, details such as the name of the madrasa and the institution operating it, number of students studying there, and the information regarding facilities available will be collected, said the department.

## India stays out of 'trade pillar' at Indo-Pacific meet

Mr. Goyal complimented the IPEF members for the speed of the launch of the ministerial talks and said the IPEF grouping would set rules between those countries that believe in "fair play, transparency and rules-based trading" in future.

He said that one of the reasons for staying out of the trade pillar was that the "contours of the framework" had not emerged yet, particularly on the kind of commitment each country would have to make on "environment, labour, digital trade and public procurement".

In addition, Mr. Goyal pointed to the fact that the government was still firming up its data protection and privacy laws, in a reference to the 2019 Personal Data Protection Bill that the Modi government withdrew from Parliament in August.

The IPEF move by Mr. Goyal also mirrors India's decision to walk out after seven years of negotiations from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), a grouping resembling the IPEF that includes China but doesn't include the U.S.

A government statement pointed out, however, that India had not walked out of the IPEF talks, and that delegations would continue to participate in future IPEF talks, including on trade with an "open mind".

Moreover, the RCEP negotiated a full-trade agreement, including tariff reductions and market access rules, something the U.S. has made it clear that the IPEF is not speaking about at all.

The 14 IPEF partners represent 40% of global GDP and 28% of global goods and services trade.

At the end of the IPEF ministerial meeting, U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo also stressed that India was "not now in the trade pillar of the IPEF", but that they continue to talk both bilaterally and within the IPEF on bringing India in.

Mr. Goyal held talks, on the sidelines, with Ms. Tai and Ms. Raimondo and his counterparts from Australia, Indonesia, Japan and Vietnam.

At the end of the IPEF ministerial on Thursday, a joint declaration issued referenced four separate ministerial statements on the four pillars, each beginning with the names of the countries signing on to them. India was not mentioned on the statement on pillar 1, trade. "In the Trade Pillar, the IPEF partners will seek high-standard provisions in areas that are foundational to resilient, sustainable, and inclusive economic growth, including labour, environment, digital economy, agriculture, transparency and good regulatory practices, competition, inclusivity, trade facilitation, and technical assistance and economic development," the declaration said.

## PM congratulates Liz Truss, lauds her role in bilateral ties

### Modi offers his condolences on the Queen's passing

SRIRAM LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke with his new British counterpart – Prime Minister Liz Truss – on Saturday, according to the government and Downing Street. This is their first phone call since Ms. Truss assumed office on Tuesday and since Queen Elizabeth died on Thursday.

Narendra Modi

The Prime Minister congratulated Ms. Truss on her appointment.

"He also appreciated her contributions to the India-U.K. bilateral relationship in her previous roles as Trade Secretary and Foreign Secretary. Both leaders committed to further strengthen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and U.K.," a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

The two leaders discussed the implementation of the Roadmap 2030 – a multi-dimensional framework for further engagement between the two countries, according to the MEA readout. They also discussed a free trade deal currently being hammered out, defence and security as well as people to people ties , the MEA said.

The Prime Minister offered his condolences on the Queen's passing, both sides said. "The Prime Minister thanked Prime Minister Modi for his heartfelt condolences, which he said were on behalf of 1.3 billion Indians," Downing Street said in a statement that it sent to *The Hindu*.

"The leaders acknowledged the grief felt by the many people of the UK and India, and paid tribute to Her Majesty The Queen's lifetime of service," the Downing Street statement said, adding that the leaders looked forward to meeting soon.

The government has declared a day of nation-wide mourning on Sunday for the Queen.

## Sharad Pawar re-elected NCP president

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The extended working committee of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) re-elected Sharad Pawar as party's national president on Saturday.

Ahead of the next round of Assembly elections, the NCP gave a clarion call for unity of the anti-BJP forces and said that Mr. Pawar would play an important role. Mr. Pawar alleged that the Modi government was "anti-farmer" and had also "failed" to tackle the issue of unemployment. He also slammed the BJP over the release of convicts in the Bilkis Bano gang rape case.

He said the farmers were looking forward to getting a good price for their paddy crop, but the Centre had imposed a 20% export duty on rice.

## NIA files chargesheet in J&K targeted killing case

### Six accused have been named

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet against six accused in a case of the targeted killing of a sarpanch in south Kashmir, the agency said in a statement on Saturday. "The investigations have revealed that the handlers of the Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) operating from Pakistan hatched a criminal conspiracy in collusion with terrorist associates and over-ground workers and terrorists of HM active in Kashmir Valley to carry out the target killing of the sarpanch, Shabir Ahmad Mir, of village Adoora, Kulgam," the NIA said.

The NIA on Friday filed the chargesheet in the NIA special court in Jammu. The case was first registered on March 11, 2021, at the Kulgam police station and later re-registered by the NIA on April 4 this year.

"Apart from this incident, carrying out targeted killings in Kashmir Valley was part of larger conspiracy by terrorists of HM and other proscribed terrorist outfits to disturb peace and disrupt the democratic process established by the Panchayati Raj System in Kashmir Valley and also to create terror among the politically elected representatives," the federal agency said.

The accused were identified as Danish Ayaz Dar, Faisal Hameed Wagay, Nisar Rashid Bhat alias Nasir, Zubair Ahmad Sofi (now killed), Mushtaq Ahmad Itoo (absconding) and Farooq Ahmad Bhat, alias Farooq Nalli (absconding).

## Kibithu camp renamed after General Rawat

### He was killed in a helicopter crash

DINAKAR PERI
KIBITHU

The military camp at Kibithu, which is very close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh, has been renamed "General Bipin Rawat military garrison" in honour of the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), who was killed in a chopper crash last December.

The Kibithu military camp will be known as General Bipin Rawat garrison. • PTI

Gen. Rawat's name is now associated with Kibithu, said Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu and sanctioned ₹10 crore to the garrison. We will make this one of the best garrison in the country, he announced.

Noting that the State shares borders with three countries, the longest being with China at 1,100 km, Mr. Khandu said that the Union government has taken up the development of northern borders and development of villages under the 'vibrant village' scheme. He said three villages – Kibithu, Walong, and Musai – are being developed under this scheme in first phase. The State government has its own parallel village development scheme.

Kibithu is a small hamlet on the banks of the Lohit Valley in the Rest of Arunachal Pradesh (RALP) close to the LAC. Gen. Rawat commanded his Battalion 5/11 Gorkha Rifles here as a Colonel from 1999 to 2000.

A gate built in local traditional architectural style was inaugurated by Governor Brigadier D.B. Mishra (retd). The 22-km road stretch from Walong to Kibithu was dedicated as General Bipin Rawat Marg by Mr. Khandu.

The event was attended by Lt. Gen. R.P. Kalita, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, Tarini, one of the two daughters of Gen. Rawat, and others. A life-size mural of the General was unveiled by the Governor at the event which was also attended by local people.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) Mi-17V5 helicopter with Gen. Rawat, his wife Madhulika Rawat and 12 others including his staff, the pilots and crew was *en route* to the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington from Sulur on December 8 when it crashed in the Nilgris in Tamil Nadu close to the destination.

A tri-services inquiry ordered by the IAF headed by Air Marshal Manvendra Singh, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Training Command, found that the accident was a "result of entry into clouds due to unexpected change in weather conditions in the valley. This led to spatial disorientation of the pilot resulting in Controlled Flight into Terrain."

This January, on the eve of Republic Day, General Rawat was posthumously awarded the Padma Vibushan.

With massive infrastructure upgrade by China including setting up of civilian enclaves close to the LAC, India has also taken up development of civilian and military infrastructure across the board.

## Punjab Governor to tour six districts bordering Pakistan

### He will meet Sarpanchs, officials of Centre, State agencies

VIKAS VASUDEVA
CHANDIGARH

Amid persistent concerns over drugs, money, weapons and explosives being pushed from Pakistan into the Indian territory over the border by drones and other means, Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit has decided to visit six districts along the International Border in the State – Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur and Fazilka – in the coming week. His two-day tour will begin from Pathankot on Monday, a government source said.

Banwarilal Purohit

Mr. Purohit will be meeting officers from Central and State government agencies accompanied by the Sarpanchs of the border villages. The visit seeks to evolve a mechanism to strengthen security in these districts by involving local residents against the backdrop of frequent cross-border smuggling of drugs and weapons.

**Interaction with people**

The Governor will interact with people in certain villages and seek their cooperation in becoming the "eyes and ears" of the police and security forces, tipping them off if they come upon any nefarious activity.

During the tour, the Governor is expected to meet senior officers of State and Central agencies, including the Border Security Force, the Intelligence Bureau, the Narcotics Control Bureau, the National Investigation Agency, and the Army's military intelligence, at Amritsar, to discuss issues involving national security in the border districts.

This will be Mr. Purohit's second visit to the border districts. In April this year, he made a similar visit along with Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, on which he had said that while the security forces were doing their part, "local input and support" can go a long way in checking the influx of contraband, weapons and drugs into the State.

## Be cautious of studying in China: Govt.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BEIJING

India has issued a detailed advisory for prospective students wanting to study medicine in China, cautioning them of the pitfalls, including poor pass percentage, mandatory learning of official spoken language Putonghua and stringent norms to qualify to practise in India.

According to official estimates, over 23,000 Indian students are currently enrolled in various Chinese universities. A vast majority of them are medical students. China has recently started issuing visas to a selected number of students to return. However, most of them struggled to return as there are no direct flights and the two countries are still in talks to work out limited flight facilities owing to Beijing's quarantine restrictions.

## 'EC opinion on Hemant Soren's brother sent'

The Governor will now have to take a decision on the opinion received from the commission, the *ANI* report said. Mr. Basant was among the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) legislators who were shifted first to a guest house in Khunti and then to a resort at Raipur in Chhattisgarh to prevent any alleged poaching attempts by the Opposition BJP, during the recent political crisis in Jharkhand.

Politics in Jharkhand had been filed with suspense and speculation about the imminent fall of the UPA government led by Chief Minister Hemant Soren, following reports of the commission recommending his disqualification as an MLA for extending a mining lease in his and Mr. Basant's name while holding the Mines portfolio in 2019.

On September 5, the Soren government proved its majority on the floor of the House, with 48 MLAs supporting him. The Governor has maintained studied silence over the issue.

The BJP had sought action against Mr. Hemant and his brother under the Representation of People Act for co-owning a mining firm to which he had awarded the lease of a stone chips mine and for not disclosing it in their poll affidavit.

State Congress president Rajesh Rathor said that "reports have been coming in Jharkhand for past several days that EC has recommended this and recommended that but from where such reports come and to whom is yet to be known".

## Army chief reviews Parvat Prahar

### The exercise used newly inducted all-terrain vehicles transported by helicopters

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Army chief General Manoj Pande visited the Ladakh sector on Saturday to review Exercise Parvat Prahar and was briefed on operational preparedness by the Commanders on the ground. The exercise saw the deployment of all new major inductions of the Army.

"He interacted with the officers and troops and complimented them for their steadfastness and professional standards," the Army said on Twitter.

The exercise, which was held in the Ladakh plateau at an altitude of 14,000 feet, used newly inducted all-terrain vehicles transported by Chinook heavy lift helicopters and K9-Vajra howitzers, among others.

Army chief Gen. Manoj Pande visiting Ladakh and witnessing Exercise Parvat Prahar on Saturday. • TWITTER/@ADGPI

The exercise featured a display of operational capabilities by artillery guns and other key weapon systems.

Commander of the Leh-based Fire and Fury Corps Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta and other senior officials apprised Gen. Pande of the overall security situation.

The exercise comes as India and China are undertaking disengagement from Patrolling Point-15 in eastern Ladakh, as announced on September 8. Gen. Pande is scheduled to visit Siachen on Sunday.

**Western front**

Simultaneously on the western front, Exercise Gagan Strike culminated with a fire power display of attack helicopters supporting deep operations by Strike Corps. Western Army Commander Lt. Gen. Nav K. Khanduri, who witnessed the culmination, lauded the professional readiness of combat forces for contingencies on the western front, the Western Command said on Twitter.

## BJP names Biplab Kumar for RS polls

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AGARTALA

The BJP has nominated former Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb to contest the byelection to the lone Rajya Sabha seat in Tripura to be held on September 22.

The party announced the decision late on Friday night.

The announcement was made on a day the former Chief Minister was appointed *Prabhari* for the BJP's Haryana unit. Former Union Minister Mahesh Sharma was appointed *Prabhari* of Tripura in place of Vinod Kumar Sonkar.

Mr. Deb will contest the seat that was vacated by the current Chief Minister, Manik Saha, who took over the post from the former. Mr. Saha was sworn in as the Chief Minister on May 15.

The CPI(M) has nominated former Minister Bhanu Lal Saha for the contest.

# Rights of J&K people under attack, says Farooq Abdullah

### NC chief chairs multi-party meeting; allies oppose voting rights for outsiders

PEERZADA ASHIQ
JAMMU

National Conference (NC) president Farooq Abdullah, who chaired a multi-party meeting in Jammu on Saturday, opposed any move to grant voting rights to those from outside J&K, and added that the "rights of people of J&K are under attack".

"There was a consensus among all the parties that the onslaught needs to be stopped, especially the move to grant voting rights to outsiders in J&K," Dr. Abdullah said.

**Slew of laws**

New laws are being introduced in J&K day in and day out, and "our rights are under attack," he said.

The meeting was attended by the members of the Gupkar alliance, including Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti and Awami National Conference head Muzaffar Shah. Besides the alliance leaders, Congress State president Vaqar Rasool, Dogra Swabhiman Sangathan Party chairman Lal Singh, and leaders of the Akali Dal, Shiv Sena (Bal Thackery) and Mission Statehood participated.

Mission Statehood president Sunil Dimple demanded that the voting rights be granted only to State subject (local people) holders of J&K.

**Charting a plan:** Farooq Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti and others during a multi-party meeting in Jammu on Saturday. • PTI

Mr. Rasool sympathised with the cause, but clarified that the party had not formally joined the Gupkar alliance. "We attend any meeting organised by secular parties with a common agenda. The issue of inclusion of 25 lakh [voters] has baffled us. We want clarification from the chief electoral office. No clarification has been issued yet," he said.

Earlier, only State subjects, those who have been living in J&K since 1929, were allowed to register as voters. However, after the Centre ended J&K's special constitutional position in 2019, others can now register as voters in the Union Territory.

J&K Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar last month said many people who were not enlisted as voters in the erstwhile State of J&K were now eligible to vote, after the removal of special status of J&K in August 2019.

"Anyone who is living ordinarily can also use the opportunity to get enlisted as a voter in J&K in accordance with the provisions of representation of the Peoples Act," Mr. Kumar said.

# 'Local people ignored in hiring for hydel projects'

### Will speak to PM Modi on the matter: Ghulam Nabi Azad

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU

Former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad, who is touring the Chenab valley in Jammu, on Saturday said local people were being ignored in employment in hydel projects, and pledged to raise the issue with the Prime Minister.

"Thousands of local educated, skilled and semi-skilled youth are being ignored for various jobs in local hydel power projects. Many outsiders are being given preference. Even the small and big contracts are being accorded to the outsiders and hundreds of labourers in these power projects have been brought from outside the Union Territory of J&K," Mr. Azad said.

He said unemployment had touched new heights in J&K. "If needed, I would meet the Prime Minister soon and take up the issue of local youth from the Chenab belt with regard to jobs in power projects," Mr. Azad said.

**There is no scope for politics of appeasement of a particular community. It has to be inclusive.**
GHULAM NABI AZAD

Mr. Azad, who is launching a political campaign from the Union Territory, said J&K could progress only when different communities joined hands. "There is no scope for politics of appeasement of a particular community. It has to be inclusive," he said.

He sought an end to targeted killings by militants in the Kashmir Valley.

"Anyone willing to return should be provided security and accommodation," he said.

On his resignation from the Congress last month, Mr. Azad said, "I had two options – either to see the Congress dying while sitting mute inside, or come out of it, wage a struggle for justice to the people. So, I opted for the second option and came back to serve my people in my home State."

Mr. Azad, who will start his tour of the Valley from Sunday, said, "People's support has multiplied compared to the meetings I had held as a Congress leader in the past."

# Cash seizures by Central agencies put Trinamool in a tight spot

### With photographs of piles of seized cash seen regularly in media, West Bengal's ruling party is finding it hard to counter corruption allegations

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As battle lines are drawn between the Trinamool Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over the role of Central investigating agencies, the recent "seizures" of large amounts of cash has put West Bengal's ruling party in a tight spot.

On Saturday, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seized more than ₹7 crore in cash from the residence of a businessman in the Garden Reach area here, allegedly in connection with a mobile gaming app fraud. This was the fifth seizure of cash by investigating agencies in the past two months, since the seizure of a large amount from the residence of an associate of former Minister and Trinamool leader Partha Chatterjee.

With photographs of piles of seized cash being aired and published regularly in media, the State's ruling party is finding it difficult to counter allegations of corruption. Though Saturday's seizure has no links to the Trinamool, several Ministers of the West Bengal Government targeted the Central investigation agencies over it.

**Money trail:** The money seized during raids against promoters of alleged fraud mobile app, in Kolkata. • PTI

West Bengal Minister and Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim said that action needed to be taken against the guilty, but the agencies were "destroying the economy of West Bengal" through a series of raids.

**Chain of busts**

The cash was seized from the residence of Kolkata-based businessman Nisar Ahmed Khan, whose son, Amir Khan, had launched a mobile application, e-nuggets, allegedly with a plan to cheat people.

The recent seizures began on July 23, when ₹23 crore in cash, along with gold ornaments, was seized by the ED from the residence of Arpita Mukherjee, former Trinamool Minister Partha Chatterjee's associate. A few days later, ₹27 crore was seized in cash from a different property of Ms. Mukherjee's. The ED made those seizures in connection with the school service recruitment scam.

The BJP State leadership, including Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Suvendu Adhikari, has targeted Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee over the seizures and had alleged that the money seized from Mr. Chatterjee's aide was "someone's else money".

While the Trinamool leadership has described the arrests of its leaders by the Central agencies as "politically motivated", the party chairperson has herself appeared concerned over the cash seizures.

Political observers say that alongside arrest of its key leaders, the Trinamool is concerned about public perception over the regular seizures of unaccounted-for cash.

## MP moves court to join Preamble case

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NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha member Binoy Viswam has moved the Supreme Court to intervene in a petition by former MP Subramanian Swamy that seeks to delete "secular" and "socialist" from the Preamble to the Constitution.

Mr. Viswam said the insertion of the words by the Constitution makers was with a clear intention to "keep Indian polity secular".

# Caste and regional imbalance plaguing M.P., says Uma Bharti

### BJP leader warns that 'inequality can lead to anarchy'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
RAIPUR

Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Uma Bharti on Friday criticised her party's government in the State yet again by claiming that regional and caste imbalances were likely to lead to conflict.

"I have been telling [Chief Minister] Shivrajji [Shivraj Singh Chouhan] from the very beginning that the caste balance in governance and administration is disturbed. Let it be Gwalior, Sagar or Rewa division, the balance is skewed everywhere," she said at a press conference at her residence.

Uma Bharti

"When his Ministry was expanded for the second time, I was at a CBI court in Lucknow but I saw the list. I told him that the ministerial names that were appearing suggested that Rewa and Gwalior divisions were being neglected and the caste and regional balance was disturbed. This is not right, I said. I cannot reveal what he told me as the conversation was private but I had hinted that there was asymmetry in participation in power, administration, services and educational institution," she said, adding that the inequality that has seeped in would "flare up in different ways and lead to anarchy".

"This inequality will flare up in various forms and may lead to anarchy," she said. Ms. Bharti also batted for reservation for Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the private sector, adding that even the poorer among the upper castes should be given reservation in the private sector.

Congress State president Kamal Nath said that Ms. Bharti's claim reflected the reality in the State. He also invited Ms. Bharti to join the Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra.

While Ms. Bharti is known to take on her own party's government on various issues often, sources in the BJP said it was more a pressure tactic to have a greater say in organisational and Cabinet posts. "How can she say that the Gwalior region is neglected when it has the most number of Ministers in the Cabine," wondered a BJP source.

# Shivpal says no going back to SP, hints at alliance with BJP

### 'Only future will tell if an alliance with the BJP will happen'

STAFF REPORTER
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Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohiya) leader Shivpal Singh Yadav on Saturday hinted at the possibility of forming an alliance with the ruling BJP while making it clear that he would not go with the Samajwadi Party (SP), led by his nephew and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav.

Talking to presspersons in Prayagraj, Mr. Yadav said, "I want to be a part of the 2024 [Lok Sabha] polls and government. Only future will tell whether an alliance with the BJP will happen or not. But I won't compromise and go back with SP as they have cheated me many times."

Shivpal Singh Yadav

Mr. Yadav, who won the 2022 Assembly election on SP ticket from Jaswant Nagar, has been targeting the SP and the party president since the polls, and has sent feelers to the ruling BJP in the recent past by voting in favour of its nominee in the Presidential elections, Droupadi Murmu. After this, the SP issued a letter saying, "Respected Shivpal Singh Yadav*ji*, If you think that you will get more respect elsewhere, you are free to go."

After Mr. Yadav's recent statement, the BJP said that no official communication had started between the saffron party and the Jaswant Nagar MLA, but it did not rule out the possibility. "As of now, no communication in relation to any alliance with Shivpal Singh Yadav is happening but if any formal proposal comes, our Central leadership will take a call," Rakesh Upadhyay, BJP spokesperson, said.

**TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD**
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PMAY – Housing For All

Notification No.02/2022 **RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION** Dated: 07.09.2022

Applications are invited to fill up the following Specialists / Posts in Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB) on contract basis to work as a specialist in SLTC for implementing Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Housing For All (Urban) scheme. It is proposed to recruit the specialist in the following category and details are as follows:

| Sl.No. | Name of the Post | No. of Posts | Place of Posting |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Urban Planner / Town Planning Specialist | 1 | Chennai |
| 2 | Capacity building / Institutional Strengthening Specialist | 1 | |
| 3 | Housing Finance and Policy Specialist | 1 | |
| | TOTAL | 3 | |

The details of required qualification, experience, nature of duties and application form, place of work, salary and other conditions are available in www.tnuhdb.tn.gov.in on 12.09.2022 @ 10.00 AM.

**Note:**
i. The application form can be downloaded from www.tnuhdb.tn.gov.in on 12.09.2022 @ 10.00 AM onwards.
ii. The duly filled in application form (as prescribed) with attested copies of qualification, experience etc., should be sent only through **Registered Post / Speed Post** and should reach **"The Executive Engineer, HFA Cell, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, No.5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai-05"** on or before **21.09.2022 upto 5.00 PM.**
iii. The application received after the due date and time will not be considered.
iv. The TNUHDB will not be responsible for any Postal delay.
v. If the last date for the receipt of applications happens to be a holiday, then the next working day is the cut off date for the receipt of application.

Managing Director, TNUHDB

DIPR/641/DISPLAY/2022

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

File No-C-IIM-IFB-06/2019 (PT) No. 33351 Dtd. 02.09.2022

**2nd Corrigendum (Re-tender) Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-06 / 2022-23**

The following changes are made to the works invited vide Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-06/2022-23 vide letter No.24853 dtd.24.06.2022.

1. The tender for the above work has been re-tendered in the website: **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**.
2. The Bid documents will be available in the website: **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** from **10.00 AM of 09.09.2022 to 5.30 PM of 29.09.2022** for online bidding.
3. Bids shall be received only on "on line" on or before **5.30 PM of 29.09.2022.**
4. Bids received on line shall be opened at **11.30 Hours on 30.09.2022** in the office of the Engineer-in-Chief (Civil), Nirmana Saudha, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
5. The approximately value of work "Improvement such as widening and strengthening of Nudurpada-Kaliahata road from 0/00 km to 31/811 km in the district of Keonjhar under State Plan"- may be read as **Rs.34.69 Crore** instead of Rs.48.58 Crore.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged

Chief Engineer, DPI & Roads, Odisha.

B-563: OIPR-34111/11/0029/2223

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER,
SUBARNAREKHA & BUDHABALANGA BASIN, AT/PO:- LAXMIPOSI,
DIST:-MAYURBHANJ, PIN - 757 107

**Government of Odisha "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

**Bid Identification No.- 08 /22-23 of CEBM, SBB, Laxmiposi**

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| i. | Name of Work | : | "Construction of Dharasahi Minor & Rasgobisdapur minor of JLMC off taking at RD 67073M & RD 69975M with its all Minor and S/M including all structures with Cement Concrete lining" |
| ii. | Estimated Cost (Lakh) | : | Rs.3402.96 Lakh |
| iii. | Period of Completion | : | 24 (Twenty Four) Calendar Months |
| iv. | Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal | : | 12.09.2022 at 10.00 AM |
| v. | Last date / time for receipt of bid in the portal | : | 07.10.2022 up to 5.00 PM |
| vi. | Name & Address of the O.I.T. | : | Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, O/o the CE&BM, Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj |

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal **"https://tendersodisha.gov.in"** .

Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,
Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi. cebmsbb2019@gmail.com

A-490: OIPR-32425/11/0010/2223

**NOTICE INVITING BID**
**Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)**
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar-751001
Tel.:(0674) 2380950; Website: www.osmcl.nic.in ; Email: drugs-osmcl@gov.in

**Bid Ref.No.: OSMCL/2022-23/OTH-DHS-I&L/15 Date:12/09/2022**

**Online Bids** through **e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible bidders for **Supply of Larvicides and Insecticides as per the particulars mentioned below:**

| Sl. No. | Particulars | Date and time | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Date & time of release of bid | 12/09/2022, 3 PM | |
| 2. | Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - **drugs-osmcl@gov.in** | 15/09/2022, up to 5:00 PM | |
| 3. | Date & time of Online bid submission | Start Date & Time | End Date & Time |
| | | 17/09/2022, 3 PM | 06/10/2022, 6.00 PM |
| 4. | Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee of tender document | Start Date & Time | End Date & Time |
| | | 07/10/2022, 10 AM | 14/10/2022, 11.00 AM |
| 5. | Date & time of Online Technical bid Opening | 14/10/2022, 11:30 AM | |
| 6. | Date of opening of Price Bid | To be informed to the qualified bidders | |

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in** and **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** . The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

SD/-
Managing Director,
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CAD-1772 OIPR-10112/11/0034/2223

**OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER(PPP)**
**PWD RAJASTHAN JAIPUR**

No. F. 7 (771) SHA/PPP/Tolling/ADB/T-2/EPC-01/2022-23/D-1093 Date: 06/09/2022

**Short Term Notice Inviting Bid (25/2022-23)**

Bids for collection of user fee on "Jodhpur-Sojat section of SH-58 (Length 75.91Km) and Bhinmal-Pantheri-Posana-Jeewana Section of SH-31A (Length 51.881 Km) total Length 127.722 Km in the State of Rajasthan (Package No.: RSHIP/ADB/TRANCHE-2/EPC/01)" are invited from interested bidders upto 11:30 AM on 19.09.2022. Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and department website. The estimated value of Annual Remittance is Rs 6,73,64,292/-
UBN: PWD2223SLOB06948

(Dinesh Kumar Agarwal)
Addl. Chief Engineer(PPP)
PWD Rajasthan Jaipur

DIPR/C/11664

**RAJASTHAN HIGH COURT, JODHPUR**
**Notice Inviting Bid (NIB)**

NIB No : HC/SK/Procurement/2022-23/ 32 Date: 01.09.2022

Bids for the supply, installation & maintenance of 26 number of Flatbed Scanner & 53 number of High Speed Scanner for use of High Court and subordinate court of Rajasthan under e-Court Project of estimated value INR 1,38,85,000/- are invited from interested bidders up to 28/09/2022 at 11.00 AM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/) of the state, and department website https://hcraj.nic.in/hcraj/tender/php

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## 'Congress planned riots in Rajasthan'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday accused the ruling Congress in Rajasthan of organising riots, stopping Hindu festivals, and indulging in appeasement politics with an eye on the next State Assembly election. Addressing a meeting of the BJP's booth-level workers in Jodhpur, Mr. Shah said the Congress had organised "well-planned" communal riots at places like Karauli, Jodhpur, Chhabra and Malpura, and put a ban on the celebration of Hindu festivals.

Mr. Shah also took a swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his Bharat Jodo Yatra, saying he needed to study the country's history first. He said Mr. Gandhi had gone out on his yatra wearing a foreign brand T-shirt, while he had a "poor knowledge" about the nation, as reflected in one of his speeches in Parliament.

# 1,000 adoptions pending, but new rule sows confusion

### With District Magistrates now having final say, Ministry to write to States that cases not disposed of by courts can be transferred to the officers

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

There is confusion over implementation of new adoption rules that require transfer of adoption petitions from courts to District Magistrates, and parents, adoption agencies and activists are worried that this could lead to further delays in a long and arduous procedure.

Meera Mehta*, 34, in Ahmedabad applied for adoption on the portal of the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) in February 2019. After a long wait, she was referred a seven-month-old girl on June 22 this year. The following month, she brought home the girl under pre-adoption foster care pending a formal adoption order from the court, which gives legal status to the adoption. A petition was then filed the same month before the local court to obtain an order. Since then, the court has completed receiving evidence, and hearing arguments and her lawyers were confident that an order would be passed by September-end. However, the judge has now conveyed that he cannot proceed with the case as it has to be transferred to the District Magistrate as per the amended adoption rules.

"We have already spent more than two months on the court process and I am worried that the new rule will delay the entire process, and we will have to start all over again," Ms. Mehta told *The Hindu*.

Her case is among 1,000 cases pending before courts across the country and now in limbo. Nearly, 3,500 adoptions are completed every year.

LONG ROAD | The wait gets longer for prospective parents as new adoption rules kick in
Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2021 came into effect on September 1
New rules say adoption cases pending before courts "shall stand transferred" to the District Magistrates (DMs)
The idea was to hasten the adoption process because of pendency of cases in courts
Lawyers, activists and adoption agencies say neither DMs nor judges aware of new rules
CARA official says 1,000 adoption cases pending before courts

**New amendment**

Parliament passed the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Bill, 2021 in July last year, empowering the District Magistrates to give adoption orders. Ironically, the intent of the amendment was to prevent court-related delays during adoptions because of a large number of pending cases. The amendments came into effect from September 1, according to a gazette notification issued on August 31. Thereafter, amendments to the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 were notified which state, "all the cases pertaining to adoption matters pending before the court shall stand transferred to the District Magistrate from the date of commencement of these rules."

Adoption agencies, lawyers and activists say there is confusion in the entire system about the requirement to transfer the cases from courts to the DMs as well as the status of the court orders passed on or after September 1 after several months of court proceedings. The regulations detailing the procedure to be followed by the DMs as well as defining the roles of various agencies and authorities involved too are yet to be notified.

"The District Magistrate office tells us that they have not received any instructions about adoptions. Judges say they don't have any information either. We obtained an adoption order for a Bangalore-based couple on September 2, but the law is not clear on whether that will now be nullified or will have to be ratified by a DM. To my knowledge though, city civil courts and district courts are higher in hierarchy than DM's court," said Bengaluru-based lawyer Anthony E.X.

In the absence of an adoption order, parents cannot obtain birth certificates for adoptees which delays school admissions. In one case, adoptive parents had to admit their child to a hospital, but they can't claim health insurance yet. Worse, in case of inter-country adoptions by foreigners or NRIs who live abroad, parents can't take home a child without the court order and a passport.

The Bengaluru lawyer says that courts should be allowed to close adoption cases that have already been brought before them, and only fresh petitions filed after September 1 should be sent to DMs to avoid any inconvenience.

Adoptions in India are infamous for being a lengthy process that take up to three years to conclude, primarily because there are only 2,188 children available for adoption as per the latest figures while there are nearly 31,000 parents waiting to adopt a child.

A senior CARA official told *The Hindu* that there were nearly 1,000 adoption cases already before the courts across the country and the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) was preparing a letter to be sent to State governments to convey that cases that had not been disposed of by courts could be transferred to the DMs. He added that DMs were also being told that where a court has either granted an order or is expected to do so shortly, they should be considered valid. A training workshop planned for them has not yet taken place.

"Adoptions need to be dealt with very sensitively. For the parents who have been waiting for several years, this is an extremely emotional time. Children in shelter homes are also being deprived of emotional support and a family environment. We must never forget the best interest of the child, and, therefore, the government needs to work on a war-footing to address the uncertainty in the system," remarked Santosh Koulagi, Secretary, Janapada Seva, an adoption agency in Melkote, Karnataka.

(*Name changed on request)

## Veteran archaeologist B.B. Lal passes away

### PM, ASI officials offer condolences

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

B.B. Lal

B.B. Lal, former Director-General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), passed away on Saturday, Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy said.

"In the passing of Prof BB Lal Ji, we have lost one of the brightest minds who has contributed significantly towards our archeological excavations & endeavours and trained archeologists for over 4 decades," Mr. Reddy tweeted, mourning Lal's demise.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his sadness over the passing of the renowned archaeologist.

"Shri BB Lal was an outstanding personality. His contributions to culture and archaeology are unparalleled. He will be remembered as a great intellectual who deepened our connect with our rich past. Pained by his demise. My thoughts are with his family and friends. Om Shanti," Mr. Modi tweeted.

A Padma Vibhushan awardee, Professor Lal, who was 101, produced works that formed the basis of the argument that a Ram temple existed in the place where the Babri Masjid once stood.

Eventually, a Supreme Court verdict paved the way for constructing a temple in the disputed site, with Muslims being compensated with land elsewhere.

The Archaeological Survey of India noted that Lal's contribution to archaeology was "beyond measure".

"The contribution of Padma Vibhushan Prof BB Lal in Archaeology is beyond measure. A doyen in his field, he devoted his entire 101-year life to the subject. He may be gone but his work lives on & will continue to teach & influence generations to come. Our homage to the great soul.," the ASI said in a tweet.

B.R. Mani, former Additional Director- General of ASI, was among several scholars and senior officials of ASI who attended Lal's funeral. "He was a tall figure and a veteran archaeologist. He was my teacher and mentored four generations. I met his family members to express my condolences. His son told me that he died Saturday around 8:40 am at his home in Hauz Khas," Mr. Mani said.

Asked about the excavation in Ayodhya, which Lal had led, he said, "The site was near Babri Masjid. It took place in the mid-1970s, but no report was made."

*(With inputs from PTI)*

# Gender no marker for treating heart disease

### Similar associations of risk factors found in global, multi-centric study involving 1.55 lakh participants

RAMYA KANNAN
CHENNAI

A global, multi-centric study with over 1.55 lakh participants has shown that risk factors for cardiovascular disease were similar in high, low and middle income countries, and largely among both men and women, with a few differences only, the results of a recent *Lancet* publication has shown.

Done as part of the Prospective Urban Rural Epidemiological (PURE) study, ongoing in 21 nations, 1,55,724 (58.4% women 41.6% men) participants were enrolled and followed up between January 5, 2005, and September 13, 2021.

In this period, women had 4,280 major cardiovascular disease events while in men, it was 4,911. Compared with men, women presented with a more favourable cardiovascular risk profile, especially at younger ages, the authors Marjan Walli-Attaei *et al* have said.

The study also found lipid markers (cholesterol) and depression are more strongly associated with the risk of cardiovascular disease in men than in women, whereas diet is more strongly associated with the same risk in women than in men.

The similar associations of other risk factors with cardiovascular disease in women and men emphasise the importance of a similar strategy for the prevention of cardiovascular disease in men and women, the authors have concluded.

Women presented with more favourable cardiovascular risk profile, study said.

Significantly, the patterns of these findings were generally similar in high-income countries and upper-middle-income countries, and in low-income and lower-middle-income countries.

**Indian input**

The India collaborators for the study included Eternal Heart Care Centre and Research Institute, Jaipur; Madras Diabetes Research Foundation and Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialities Centre, Chennai; India SUT Academy of Medical Sciences, Vattapara, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala; Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh; and Department of Physiology, St. John's Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore.

V. Mohan of the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, one of the authors of the study, says: "This is the first study to compare cardiovascular disease in 21 high, middle and low-income countries, studying all the risk factors with almost an equal distribution of men and women."

Small differences in risk factors for cardiovascular disease in women and men notwithstanding, the study makes it clear that strategies to prevent cardiovascular disease in both women and men should be similar, he added.

## Bangladesh invites CMs of NE States

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
DHAKA

Bangladesh has invited the Chief Ministers of all north-eastern States of India for an early visit, Bangladesh Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam said here on Saturday.

At a media event organised by the Editors Guild of Bangladesh, Mr. Alam said there were several projects concerning Northeast India that were discussed during the just-concluded visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to India, adding that both sides were determined to take the relationship to the "second phase".

"We requested the Indian Minister of Development of North East Region G. Kishan Reddy to visit Bangladesh, along with all the Chief Ministers of the northeast, when they can also be accompanied by high-profile officials and business representatives," Mr. Alam said.

The Minister noted that there were several initiatives that were put forth by Mr. Reddy in course of the bilateral talks during Ms. Hasina's visit to Delhi and that Ms. Hasina had given her consent to implement some of these schemes.

The Minister said that Ms. Hasina appreciated the ideas that were proposed by Mr. Reddy during the bilateral talks in Delhi, and that the India side was expected to process Dhaka's invite for the Chief Ministers of northeastern States.

# Railways likely to review use of detonators

### Practice of using explosives has held on despite advancements in communication technologies

S. VIJAY KUMAR
CHENNAI

The Indian Railways is considering withdrawing a decades-old policy of guards protecting the rear of the train stopped at home signal using explosives to prevent a collision.

Passenger and freight trains being stopped at the first stop signal or a home signal ahead of railway stations is a usual practice owing to operational reasons like the availability of line/path for the incoming train. However, when the detention of such trains exceeds 15 minutes, the general rules for Indian Railways prescribe for the guard to protect the rear of the train from any possible collision by a train approaching from behind.

**Consultation afoot:** The Railway Board awaits the views of General Managers of all zonal railways. • V.V. KRISHNAN

The guard is duty-bound to place detonators at certain distances that will trigger multiple minor explosions with a loud noise when a train passes on them giving an alert to the loco pilot of obstruction ahead.

The practice continued despite advancements in signal and communication technologies over the years.

In a proposal sent to the Railway Board, Ajoy Kumar Behera, the Principal Chief Operations Manager of East Coast Railway, said in day-to-day operations there were numerous instances of trains, mostly freight trains, being brought to a stop at the home signal mainly on account of lines not being available at the station.

Mr. Behera said it was felt if the train stops at the home signal, irrespective of whether the cause is apparent or not, there may not be any need to protect the train at the rear after 15 minutes in Absolute Block System.

Since the policy decision would impact train operations across the network, the Railway Board has written to General Managers of all zonal railways calling for their views on withdrawing or modifying the rules, sources in the railways said.

INTERVIEW | SUKHPAL SINGH

# 'Cooperatives only way to resist farm distress'

### Agro economist suggests that Centre and Punjab work together on an agriculture policy that benefits farmers, consumers

A. M. JIGEESH

*Eminent agro economist* **Sukhpal Singh**, *who has done detailed studies about Punjab's agricultural systems, will take charge as the new Chairman of the State's Farmers and Farm Workers Commission on Monday. Speaking from his office at the Punjab Agriculture University, where he is a principal agro economist, Dr. Singh said only the cooperative system can save agriculture and the economy. Dr. Singh, who believes that farming can be made a profitable vocation with a little help from the government, said crop diversification is a priority for him and for that, both the Centre and the State should frame policies. Excerpts from the interview:*

**There is a new government in Punjab. So, what is the mandate of the commission when it is being reorganised now?**

■ Our mandate is yet to be prepared. But certainly there is a need to develop the agriculture policy of the State. It should be a long-term policy consisting of the various long-term aspects on income behaviour, natural resources management, marketing policy, expenditure patterns and profitability of farmers. It should be also about the value-addition process of the Punjab's agricultural economy. Trade is also important here.

International trade is the mandate of the Union government. We are a border State. We need opportunities to seek avenues to improve our trade with the neighbouring countries too. Punjab is an agriculture State, producing for the market. We produce mostly foodgrains, which are not perishable. Considering the international ecosystem and international economic scenario, we must produce foodgrains.

**You have worked in detail on farmers' suicide in Punjab. Do you have any alternative to help farmers to fight indebtedness?**

■ Punjab is a land of small peasants. Average land holding though is higher than national average, farmers are facing problems and committing suicide. Farming gives income and there is profitability. But due to liberalisation, all the social sectors such as health and education are now privatised. Farmers, as a result, are not entitled to get income from their work.

We will frame a strategy in discussion with the State government and the Punjab Agriculture University to see that the share of an agriculture producer in consumer's rupee should be increased. Cooperative system is the way for it. We should develop a cooperative system for production and for marketing. Cooperative system is the only solution for the economic problems. We should develop cooperatives, not corporates.

**Crop diversification is very important for farmers and natural resources management**

Cooperatives will help to develop backward and forward linkages in agriculture. Cooperatives will also help MSMEs to face the crisis they face now.

**Crop diversification is an issue in Punjab. Both the Centre and the State promotes crop diversification but farmers do not have much choices. What's your view?**

■ Crop diversification is very important from the farmers' and the natural resources management angles. The problem here is economics. Farmers are tied up to wheat and paddy cultivation. They don't see any chances of diversification. Both the Centre and the States should help the farmers to grow crops that are suitable for both the consumers and the ecology. We have to have policies from States and Centre to diversify crops. State has resource issues. Centre should help the State and farmers with the advice from experts to diversify crops. The commission will actively consider the ways to develop methods for diversification.

**Natural farming is the new slogan of the Centre. Can Punjab turn to natural farming?**

■ In certain clusters and crop combinations in some belts, we can try organic and natural farming. I personally think natural farming has no scope in Punjab considering its productivity level. Land rents are high here. There is nothing called zero budgeting. Everything has a budget. One cannot do farming in zero budgeting.

There is no two opinions that we should reduce the use of chemicals in farming. Precision farming will help us here. It can be applicable in high value crops. We will face problems in both production and in marketing if we shift to methods of natural production.

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# King Charles III proclaimed Britain's monarch

## He says he is aware of the great inheritance and responsibilities of sovereignty, vows to follow the inspiring Queen

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

With a trumpet fanfare and gun salutes, Charles III was officially proclaimed King at a pomp-filled ceremony on Saturday, at which he pledged to emulate his late mother Queen Elizabeth II and serve for the rest of his life.

A court official wearing a feathered bicorn hat declared Charles "our only lawful and rightful" monarch from the balcony of St James's Palace after a historic Accession Council meeting of senior royals, clergy and government.

The centuries-old tradition of the council was televised live for the first time as it officially announced the 73-year-old King Charles as monarch after seven decades as heir apparent.

"I am deeply aware of this great inheritance and of the duties and heavy responsibilities of sovereignty, which have now passed to me," King Charles said in a speech before swearing an oath.

"In taking up these responsibilities, I shall strive to follow the inspiring example I have been set."

Eight trumpeters accompanied the proclamation that was followed by a rousing three cheers for the new king by red-jacketed Coldstream Guards soldiers, doffing their distinctive bearskin hats.

Ceremonial gun salutes boomed simultaneously across the U.K. and the proclamation – a relic from the past where the new monarch needed to be announced to their subjects – was also read publicly in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

King Charles automatically became monarch upon the Queen's death aged 96 on Thursday, but the proclamation is the latest step in the setpiece 10-day programme building up to her state funeral.

**Reign begins:** King Charles III greeting the members of the crowd in London on Saturday. • AFP

An emotional King Charles set the tone for his reign in a televised address on Friday in which he hailed his "darling mama" for her "unswerving devotion" during her record-breaking seven decades on the throne.

The speech dominated the front pages of Britain's newspapers on Saturday, with his heartfelt tribute to his mother headlining the *Daily Telegraph*, *Daily Express*, *Daily Mail* and *The Sun*.

King Charles looking pensive as he arrived at Buckingham Palace for the first time as king made the front page image on The Independent, The Guardian and The Times, which also carried the words "God Save the King".

King Charles also named his elder son and heir Prince William, 40, as the new Prince of Wales, while expressing love for his younger son Harry and daughter-in-law Meghan. The move means Prince William's wife Kate assumes the Princess of Wales title once held by his mother and King Charles' ex-wife, the late Princess Diana.

But in an unannounced move, the two brothers emerged with their wives to speak to well-wishers outside Windsor Castle outside London.

The younger generation of royals shook hands with the crowd, although they remained on opposite sides of the road.

### 'Have to move on'

Crowds have also massed outside Buckingham Palace both to mourn the Queen and to wish King Charles well, greeting him with cheers and even kisses when he arrived from Scotland on Friday. "I'm sad, but you have to move on. I think the king will be different," said 53-year-old Londoner Sarah Berdien. "The Queen has always been the Queen – always the same, no drama."

Recruitment worker Dany Van Laanen, 36, said KIng Charles has "big shoes to fill" as he replaces his widely venerated mother, who was the only monarch that most in the U.K. had ever known. "I do hope he will manage to modernise the monarchy."

King Charles – who has seen his popularity recover in recent years from the time of Diana's death in a 1997 car crash – takes the throne at a moment of deep anxiety in Britain over the spiralling cost of living and the Ukraine crisis.

The constitutional monarch, who is supposed to remain outside politics, has intimated he will now steer clear of pronouncements on issues that he has previously been outspoken on such as climate change.

**Blown to pieces:** A destroyed military tank lies on a road at Balakliya in the Kharkiv region on Saturday. • AFP

# Russia announces troop pullback from Kharkiv

## Kyiv claims advances in east Ukraine

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KHARKIV

Russia's Defence Ministry said on Saturday that it is pulling back forces from two areas in Ukraine's Kharkiv region where a Ukrainian counter offensive has made significant advances in the past week.

Defence Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said the troops would be regrouped from the Balakliya and Izyum areas to the Donetsk region. Izyum was a major base for Russian forces in the Kharkiv region.

Mr. Konashenkov said the move is being made "in order to achieve the stated goals of the special military operation to liberate Donbas", one of the eastern Ukraine regions that Russia has declared sovereign.

The claim of pullback to concentrate on Donetsk is similiar to the justification Russia gave for pulling back its forces from the Kyiv region earlier this year.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian forces said on Saturday they had entered the town of Kupiansk in east Ukraine, a key supply hub that had been held by invading Russian forces for several months.

Kyiv's Army in recent days has been pushing deeper into the east of the country, routing Russian forces in a counter-offensive that officials say has seen some 30 towns and villages in the northeastern region of Kharkiv liberated.

Ukrainian special forces published images on social media, which they said showed their officers "in Kupiansk".

The town "was and will always be Ukrainian," the statement added.

The images showed a handful of camouflage-clad soldiers carrying automatic weapons gathered around an armoured vehicle.

A regional official separately posted an image of Ukrainian soldiers in the east Ukrainian town of around 27,000 people alongside the text: "Kupiansk is Ukraine."

The town was captured by Russian forces less than one week after Moscow launched its full-scale of invasion of Ukraine on February 24.

The complete capture of Kupiansk by Ukrainian forces would pose a serious problem for Moscow as the town sits on supply routes towards other Russian positions on the eastern frontline.

# Queen Elizabeth II's funeral on Sept. 19

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

The state funeral for Queen Elizabeth II will be held at Westminster Abbey in London at 11:00 a.m. on September 19, royal officials said on Saturday.

Buckingham Palace also confirmed that the Queen, who died on Thursday aged 96, will then be taken to St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, west of London, for a committal service.

The Queen's body is currently in an oak coffin, with a wreath of flowers on top, in the ballroom of Balmoral Castle, in northeast Scotland. Royal officials called it "a scene of quiet dignity".

The Queen's coffin will be taken on a 290-km trip by road from the remote estate to the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh on Sunday.

In the Scottish capital, the coffin will be taken from the Palace of Holyroodhouse to St Giles's Cathedral to lie at rest until Tuesday.

It will then be taken by air to Buckingham Palace in London, before lying-in-state at Westminster Hall from Wednesday.

The funeral is expected to be the "biggest policing and protective operation" in U.K. history.

# Prince William pays tribute to 'Grannie'

## 'She was by my side at my happiest moments & during the saddest days of my life'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Prince William on Saturday promised to honour the memory of Queen Elizabeth II by supporting his father, King Charles III, "in every way", in a heartfelt statement after his grandmother's death.

In his first comments since the Queen's death and as the newly appointed Prince of Wales, William, 40, said "it would be some time before the reality of life without Grannie will truly feel real".

Prince William has become heir now that his father is King, with expectations that his time on the throne will come sooner rather than later.

Britain's Prince William, left, with Prince Harry in London. • REUTERS

Prince William has in recent years taken up more official duties due to the Queen's age and ill health in a clear sign of his future role.

He called the Queen an "extraordinary leader", praising her "absolute" commitment to Britain, the Commonwealth and the 14 other countries where she was also head of state.

"So much will be said in the days ahead about the meaning of her historic reign," he added.

"I, however, have lost a grandmother. And while I grieve her loss, I also feel incredibly grateful."

Prince William – King Charles' elder son from his first marriage to the late Princess Diana – said he had benefited from the Queen's wisdom and reassurance throughout his life.

"She was by my side at my happiest moments. And she was by my side during the saddest days of my life," said Prince William.

"I thank her for the kindness she showed my family and me. And I thank her on behalf of my generation for providing an example of service and dignity in public life that was from a different age, but always relevant to us all."

"My grandmother famously said that grief was the price we pay for love."

# Taliban close girls schools in east that had briefly opened

## Dozens of former students protest on the streets of Gardez

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ISLAMABAD

Taliban authorities on Saturday shut down girls schools above the sixth grade in eastern Afghanistan's Paktia province, according to witnesses and social media posts. The schools had briefly opened after a recommendation by tribal elders and school principals.

Earlier this month, four girls schools above grade 6 in Gardez, the provincial capital, and one in the Samkani district began operating without formal permission from the Taliban Education Ministry.

On Saturday, all five schools were once again closed by the Taliban.

Afghan girls attending class at the Tajrobawai Girls High School in Herat. • AP

Dozens of tearful former students protested on Saturday in the streets of Gardez, according to social media posts.

Mohammad Sediq, a resident of Gardez, said he had been happy that his two sisters could go to school, but the Taliban disappointed him by closing the girls schools.

A year after the Taliban took power in Afghanistan, teenage girls are still barred from school and women are required to cover themselves from head to toe in public, with only their eyes showing.

Hard-liners appear to hold sway in the Taliban-led government despite initial promises to the contrary.

# U.S. nod to $40 mn aid to Sri Lanka

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
COLOMBO

The United States on Saturday announced $40 million in aid to buy fertilizer and other key agricultural inputs in time for the next cultivation season in crisis-hit Sri Lanka.

USAID Administrator Samantha Power, who is visiting Sri Lanka, made the announcement after she met farmer representatives in Ja-Ela outside Colombo. She said the money will be in addition to the $6 million announced earlier to assist low income farmers.

Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis and acute shortages of essentials like food, fuel and medicines.

# 5 dead after New Zealand boat 'collides' with whale

## Six sustain minor injuries, rescued

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WELLINGTON

Five people are dead after a boat flipped over in waters off of New Zealand's South Island on Saturday, with "indications" the vessel capsized after colliding with a whale.

The boat, which had 11 people on board, mostly from a bird-watching group, overturned in calm waters soon after 10 a.m. at Goose Bay, about 15 km south of Kaikoura, according to local officials.

A rescue operation that spanned nearly seven hours ended when a police dive squad recovered five bodies from inside the vessel.

Six people were rescued, having suffered minor injuries.

Media reports said the skipper of the boat had survived.

Earlier, images on social media showed survivors waving for help on the upturned hull of the 8.5-metre boat, which police confirmed belonged to a local charter business.

Kaikoura mayor Craig Mackle told AFP there were "indications" the boat had collided with a whale, however police wouldn't comment on that possibility as their investigation continued. "The information we have at the moment is it appears to be a collision. With what, we don't know at this stage," Kaikoura Police Sergeant Matt Boyce said.

"This is an unprecedented event that has occurred, involving significant response from emergency services and members of the public."

Mr. Mackle was perplexed at how the boat had capsized in what he said were "flat, perfect" conditions, and confirmed it was a time of year when whales were prevalent off Kaikoura's coast.

# 5 in Hong Kong jailed for 'brainwashing' children

## They published 'seditious' books: court

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
HONG KONG

Hong Kong jailed five speech therapists for sedition on Saturday over a series of illustrated children's books that portrayed the city's democracy supporters as sheep defending their village from wolves.

They join a growing list of residents jailed under a colonial-era sedition offence which authorities have deployed alongside a national security law introduced by Beijing in 2020 to stamp out dissent.

The group, who are all in their twenties and belonged to a speech therapists' union, have been behind bars for over a year while awaiting a verdict.

They were all handed a 19-month jail term for a picture book series that began in 2020 to explain Hong Kong's democracy movement to children. The group could be released in 31 days after deductions for time served, one of their lawyers estimated.

Three of them struck a defiant tone during Saturday's sentencing.

Melody Yeung told the court she did not regret her choices and hopes to always stand on the side of the sheep.

"My only regret is I couldn't publish more picture books before getting arrested."

Defendant Sidney Ng's lawyer quoted his client as saying the prosecution "had the objective effect of intimidating civil society and alienating Hong Kongers from one another".

Judge Kwok Wai-kin scolded the defendents for "brainwashing" children and sowing the "seed of instability" in the city and across China. The Judge had convicted the group on Wednesday for conspiring to spread seditious content.

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No.:ACE-I/Zone-I/NIT No. 09/2022-23/D-1490 Date: 06.09.2022

NOTICE INVITING BID

Redevelopment/reconstruction of Rajasthan House at New Delhi on EPC Mode work in New Delhi is invited from interested bidders upto 06:00 P.M. dated 07.09.2022 to 06.10.2022. Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and pwd.rajasthan.gov.in departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 130.00 Cr.
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Bids for the work **"Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Amarpura Minor Irrigation Project, Simalwara, Distt- Dungarpur"** are invited from interested bidders upto 06:00 PM, dated 28.09.2022. The approximate value of procurement is Rs. 1372.52 lacs.
Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http:// sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/ wrd
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE dated 06/09/2022
The Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General Services), Palakkad Division, acting for and behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders through official portal of Indian Railways from experienced contractors for the under mentioned works.

| Sl. No | Tender Notice No. | Name of Work | Approximate cost ₹ |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | J-E-9-2022-23-W | Deployment of Contractual AC Coach Assistants (CACCAs) in Air Conditioned Coaches of various trains to assist on board AC Technicians in carrying out Electrical duties of AC Coaches of Mangalore depot for 6 Months | 10,55,203/- |
| 2 | J-E-10-2022-23-W | PGT Division - DEN/West section - Proposed FOBs at ETK, PYOL, ELM, CS & extension of existing FOB at MJS (NSG-6) stations - Electrical arrangements | 7,33,894/- |
| 3 | J-E-11-2022-23-W | Supply, erection, testing Grid Synchronization and commissioning of 70kWp Grid Connected Roof-Top Solar Power Generating System conforming to MNRE specification or latest at Kannur Railway Station | 33,05,750/- |

Date and time of Tender closing - 04/10/2022 at 11.00 Hrs
For complete details, please refer -> E-Tender -> Work 1. Search Tender in www.gem.gov.in website & Work 2 - Search Tender in www.ireps.gov.in website. Corrigendum if any, will be notified in website only and it will not be published in newspapers.
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/PGT
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI DIVISION)
E - Tender Notice No: T-SG-36-I-13-2022-2023 & T-SG-36-AMC-ISS2-22-23 Dt.07.09.2022.
Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli invites online tender on behalf of The President of India, for the following works up to 14.00 hrs on 29.09.2022.

| Item No. | Tender Notice No. | Name of the Work |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | T-SG-36-I-13-2022-2023 | S&T work in connection with various Engineering works over TPJ Division. |
| 2. | T-SG-36-AMC-ISS2-22-23 | Comprehensive annual maintenance contract of Integrated Surveillance System (ISS) at Tiruchchirappalli station and Comprehensive AMC for the CCTV cameras at outdoor locations of Tiruchchirappalli junction station for Two years |

| Item No. | Cash Value in Lakhs | Earnest Money Deposit Amt | Validity Offer | Period of Completion in months |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | ₹ 133.81 Lakhs | ₹ 2,16,500/- | 60 Days | Twelve Months |
| 2 | ₹ 9.45 Lakhs | ₹ 18,000/- | 45 Days | Twenty Four Months |

Closing Date and Time: 29.09.2022 @ 14:00 Hrs
If the date of opening of tenders happens to be a declared holiday at a later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the stipulated time. The detailed Tender Notice, Tender document along with terms & conditions and if any corrigendum to tender is issued can be accessed through https://www.ireps.gov.in
GST will apply as per extent norms of GOI.
Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer,
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
ELECTRICAL (TRD) BRANCH, TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI DIVISION
TENDER NOTICE
For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager, Traction Distribution, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli - 620001 invites online E-tenders from prospective tenderers / bidders for the following work.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Tender Number | TPJ-TRD-2022-2023-07 |
| 2 | Name of work | TPJ Div. - Provision of CT's & PT's for ABT meter in HT side at Railway Traction Sub-stations for TEMS |
| 3 | Approximate value of tender | ₹ 68,23,189.20 |
| 4 | Cost of tender booklet | Nil |
| 5 | Bid Security | ₹ 1,36,500/- |
| 6 | Date & Time of Bidding | 26.09.2022 to 15:00 Hours on 10.10.2022 |
| 7 | Date & Time of Tender Opening | After 15:00 Hours on 10.10.2022 |
| 8 | Period of completion | Six Months |
| 9 | Period of validity of offer | 102 days from the date of tender opening |

NOTE : 1) The prospective tenderers/bidders are requested to register themselves with IREPS (Indian Railway Electronic Procurement System), if not done already, for participating in E-Tenders, Registration form is available on IREPS site (Quick link New Vendors/Contractors (E-Tender). 2) Contractors/Bidders are requested to procure Digital Signing Certificate (DSC) Class III or appropriate from Govt. of India, authorized Certifying authority (CCA-Controller of Certifying Authority) for participating in E-Tender & to log into IREPS. 3) Payment of Bid Security in respect of e-tendering, should be done through net banking or payment gateway only (online payment) or in the form of BG as per GCC 2022. Tenders received without Bid Security shall be rejected. 4) Kindly log on to http://www.ireps.gov.in for complete details, terms and conditions of the above tender and details of bid submission and the on line bids are required to be digitally signed. The tenderers are advised to refer to the documents uploaded. 5) All Addendum/Corrigendum, Time extension, clarifications, etc. will be uploaded on or before 26.09.2022, in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated. 6. Tenderers need not be present in the office for tender opening as they can watch the status of opened tenders, on line through IREPS.
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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Tender Number | TPJ-TRD-2022-2023-08 |
| 2 | Name of work | TPJ Division – Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of SCADA system complete with software, RCC equipment and RTUs in VM-VLR Section for a period of Two Years |
| 3 | Approximate value of tender | ₹ 26,04,414.11 |
| 4 | Cost of tender booklet | ₹ 3,360/- |
| 5 | Earnest Money Deposit | ₹ 52,100/- |
| 6 | Date & Time of Bidding | 26.09.2022 to 15:00 Hours on 10.10.2022 |
| 7 | Date & Time of Tender Opening | After 15:00 Hours on 10.10.2022 |
| 8 | Period of completion | 24 Months |
| 9 | Period of validity of offer | 90 days from the date of tender opening |

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## SNAPSHOTS

**Ozone layer damage**
Smoke from Australia's extreme wildfires between December 2019 and February 2020 increased atmospheric temperatures and probably made the hole in the ozone layer bigger. The plumes of smoke that rose into the atmosphere caused temperatures to spike by 3°C over Australia.

**Flood in Pakistan**
With rivers breaking their banks glacial lakes bursting, Pakistan is experiencing its worst floods this century. At least one-third of the country is under water, some 33 million people have been displaced and more than 1,200 have died. Scientists say that heatwaves and a stronger monsoon led to floods.

**No difference**
The updated COVID-19 vaccines that have been approved in the U.S. and the U.K. offer roughly the same protection as existing vaccines, suggests a preprint. The analysis found that the Omicron-specific boosters have marginal benefits compared with an extra dose of older vaccines.

# Why cloudburst forecast in India still remains elusive

Monitoring stations on the ground can hardly capture cloudburst characteristics due to their highly localised and short occurrence

ROXY MATHEW KOLL

Cloudbursts – violent and voluminous amounts of rain pouring down in a short duration over a small area – have been reported since the mid-19th century. Yet, the characteristics of these events remain elusive, and our efforts in monitoring and forecasting them is at an embryonic stage. However, their disastrous impact that cause loss of lives and property are seemingly increasing in a changing climate and have led to close observations in the recent decade, advancing our understanding of these events.

Clouds blanket 70% of the Earth's surface at any given time. They are like a thin layer of the floating ocean, with enough water to cover the entire surface of Earth with about one inch of rain. A modest-sized cloud (1 cubic km) may contain more than 5,00,000 litres of water – equivalent to the mass of hundred elephants.

Cloudburst events are often associated with cumulonimbus clouds that cause thunderstorms and occasionally due to monsoon wind surges and other weather phenomena. Cumulonimbus clouds can grow up to 12-15 km in height through the entire troposphere (occasionally up to 21 km) and can hold huge amounts of water.

### Characteristics

However, cloudbursts are not defined based on cloud characteristics and do not indicate clouds exploding. Cloudbursts are defined by the amount of rainfall. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), 100 mm of rain in an hour is called a cloudburst. Usually, cloudbursts occur over a small geographical region of 20 to 30 sq. km.

In India, cloudbursts often occur during the monsoon season, when the southwesterly monsoon winds bring in copious amounts of moisture inland. The moist air that converges over land gets lifted as they encounter the hills. The moist air reaches an altitude and gets saturated, and the water starts condensing out of the air forming clouds. This is how clouds usually form, but such an orographic lifting together with a strong moisture convergence can lead to intense cumulonimbus clouds taking in huge volumes of moisture that is dumped during cloudbursts.

Tall cumulonimbus clouds can develop in about half an hour as the moisture updraft happens rapidly, at a pace of 60 to 120 km/hr. A single-cell cloud may last for an hour and dump all the rain in the last 20 to 30 minutes, while some of these clouds merge to form multi-cell storms and last for several hours.

### More prone areas

Cloudbursts, hence, occur mostly over the rugged terrains over the Himalayas, the Western Ghats, and northeastern hill States of India. The heavy spells of rain on the fragile steep slopes trigger landslides, debris flows, and flash floods, causing large-scale destruction and loss of people and property.

Recent cloudbursts that caused significant devastation occurred over the Himalayan foothills in Himachal Pradesh (in the year 2003), Ladakh (2010), and Uttarakhand (2013). Cloudbursts were reported from the northeastern States and Western Ghats States during the current monsoon season (2022).

On July 8 2022, flash floods occurred in the Lidder Valley en route to Amarnath Temple in Jammu and Kashmir, taking the lives of several pilgrims. While the media linked this event to cloudbursts that occurred upstream of the temple, there is no meteorological record in the surrounding regions to validate this. Weather forecasts indicated scattered light rains for the region, and the IMD recorded moderate rainfall at the temple station.

Monitoring stations on the ground can hardly capture the cloudburst characteristics due to their highly localised and short occurrence. Hence, most of these events go unreported due to the lack of monitoring mechanisms in the region, weakening our ability to understand these events in complete perspective.

Heavy rains and waterlogging brought Bengaluru to a standstill during the first week of September 2022. Social media was abuzz, passing off a two-year-old video of cloudbursts in Perth, Australia, as Bangalore cloudbursts. None of the city's weather stations recorded a cloudburst but indicated heavy rains during the week as the monsoon winds gained strength due to a low-pressure area developing in the Arabian Sea.

Strong monsoon wind surges along the coast can also result in cloudbursts, as in the case of Mumbai (2005) and Chennai (2015). Coastal cities are particularly vulnerable to cloudbursts since the flash floods make the conventional stormwater and flood management policies in these cities dysfunctional.

### Detecting cloudbursts

While satellites are extensively useful in detecting large-scale monsoon weather systems, the resolution of the precipitation radars of these satellites can be much smaller than the area of individual cloudburst events, and hence they go undetected. Weather forecast models also face a similar challenge in simulating the clouds at a high resolution.

The skillful forecasting of rainfall in hilly regions remains challenging due to the uncertainties in the interaction between the moisture convergence and the hilly terrain, the cloud microphysics, and the heating-cooling mechanisms at different atmospheric levels. The IMD's forecasts, and in general, the weather prediction scenario, have advanced such that widespread extreme rains can be predicted two-three days in advance. Cyclones can be predicted about one week in advance. However, cloudburst forecasts still remain elusive.

Multiple doppler weather radars can be used to monitor moving cloud droplets and help to provide nowcasts (forecasts for the next three hours). This can be a quick measure for providing warnings, but radars are an expensive affair, and installing them across the country may not be practically feasible.

A long-term measure would be mapping the cloudburst-prone regions using automatic rain gauges. If cloudburst-prone regions are co-located with landslide-prone regions, these locations can be designated as hazardous. The risk at these locations would be huge, and people should be moved, and construction and mining in nearby regions should be restricted as that can aggravate the landslides and flash flood impacts.

Climate change is projected to increase the frequency and intensity of cloudbursts worldwide. As the air gets warmer, it can hold more moisture and for a longer time. We call this the Clausius Clapeyron relationship. A 1-degree Celsius rise in temperature may correspond to a 7-10% increase in moisture and rainfall. This increase in rainfall amount does not get spread moderately throughout the season. As the moisture holding capacity of air increases, it results in prolonged dry periods intermittent with short spells of extreme rains. More deeper cumulonimbus clouds form and the chances of cloudbursts also increase.

### Frequent occurrences

Cloudbursts are reported frequently from across the country. The climate change signal is conspicuous, but we do not have long-term (20 years or more) hourly data to attest it. With IMD enhancing its automatic weather stations, we may have hourly data that can help map cloudburst-prone regions.

The change in monsoon extremes and cloudbursts we see now are in response to the 1-degree Celsius rise in global surface temperature. As emissions continue to increase and global commitment to reduce emissions proves insufficient, these temperatures are set to hit 1.5°C during 2020-2040 and 2°C during 2040-2060. We will need urgent action and policies to protect lives and property from extreme events that will amplify as the global temperature change doubles.

*(Roxy Mathew Koll is a climate scientist at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology and a lead author and reviewer of recent IPCC reports.)*

**Causal Factor:** Strong monsoon wind surges along the coast can result in cloudbursts. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

### Why forecasting cloudbursts is a challenge

Efforts to monitor and forecast cloudbursts are still at a nascent stage

1. As per the IMD definition, over **100 mm of rainfall in one hour** is called a cloudburst. It usually occurs over a small geographical region (20-30 sq. km)
2. Rainfall of 100 mm per hour translates to **100 litres for every square metre** where a cloudburst occurs. For a small region of 20 sq. km, it is about **two billion litres of water** in an hour
3. Tall cumulonimbus clouds causing cloudbursts can develop quickly (in about **30 minutes**) as the moisture updraft happens rapidly – 60-120 km/hr
4. Cloudbursts occur mostly over the rugged terrains over **the Himalayas, Western Ghats**, and northeastern hill States of India
5. In India, cloudbursts often occur during the monsoon season, when the **SW monsoon winds bring in** copious amounts of moisture inland
6. Satellites fail to detect cloudburst systems as the **resolution of the precipitation radars** are much smaller than the area of individual cloudburst events
7. Multiple doppler weather radars can **monitor moving cloud droplets** and help to provide forecast for the next three hours. But **radars are expensive** and installing them widely may not be feasible
8. The change in monsoon extremes and cloudbursts are in response to the **1-degree Celsius rise** in global surface temperature

# Aiming to build molecular neuromorphic computing technology

This can pave the way for computing that mimics the brain and helps establish artificial intelligence

SHUBASHREE DESIKAN

Artificial Intelligence and machine learning can cause a veritable revolution in the working of the world today, yet their development is hindered by the fact that the present state of the art in electronics does not match up to what is needed.

In a move towards developing devices that can mimic the workings of neurons in the brain, researchers from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (IISc), have designed neuromorphic devices using organic materials that have not been used hitherto. Their work since 2014 aimed towards this.

Organic materials had been considered the poorest of different material types in making computing components because they were fragile and unstable. "We chose this genre as our horse for the race because we believed that if there was a way to resolve these performance issues, the functionalities we could extract out of these materials could blew anything else that exists," says Sreetosh Goswami from the Centre for Nanoscience and Engineering (CeNSE), IISc.

He and his collaborators have published significant papers in this field since 2017 in *Nature Materials*, *Nature Nanotechnology*, *Advanced Materials* and *Nature*, establishing that organic materials can compute reliably and, in some aspects, are even better than inorganic materials. "The molecular system (transition metal complexes of azo aromatic ligands) is a brainchild of my father, Prof. Sreebrata Goswami," says Dr. Sreetosh Goswami in an email to *The Hindu*.

### The plastic brain

The human brain which inspired the researchers in their work, in the words of Sreebrata Goswami, who is now with CeNSE, IISc, "vastly outperforms any artificial electronic analogues in terms of its learning, cognition and decision-making ability." Its remarkable performance uses up just 20 watt of power over a space of 1260 cc. Some of the properties that it exhibits which are desirable include interconnectedness and reconfigurability.

**Advantage:** The same device can be operated in analog and digital regime by tuning the activation energy, says Sreetosh Goswami (left). • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The neurons in the brain operate on the verge of chaos with a highly non-linear feedback mechanism. We are in search of materials that can capture such properties, an elusive goal..." explains Prof. Sreebrata Goswami.

### Many functionalities

Molecular materials are characterised by interactions between molecules and ions, which then present a multi-dimensional landscape of parameter space that can be tinkered with to develop suitable functionalities. The question they asked in a recent paper published in *Advanced Materials* was whether they could manipulate these many-body interactions to achieve plasticity and reconfigurability in the devices. They did this by measuring the current-voltage curves as a function of temperature over a wide range. They could capture functionalities spanning bipolar, unipolar, non-volatile, and volatile memristors.

In Dr. Sreetosh Goswami's words, this is an "insane amount of variability," to describe which, the group had to design a mathematical space that could enable almost all possible characteristic variations desirable in neuromorphic devices. "The same device could be operated both in analog and digital regime just by tuning the activation energy," says Dr. Sreetosh Goswami.

### Making it work

The challenge was that during low-temperature measurements, in molecular memristors, the switching responses quenched, or flattened out as temperature was lowered. "We could make it work because our molecular devices are robust, and the switching mechanisms have a thermodynamic component that still occurs even when the device is cooled," says Santi Prasad Rath, who is a Post-Doc at CeNSE, IISc, and the first author of the paper published in *Advanced Materials*.

Dr. Sreetosh Goswami says, "We are fairly confident that we will be able to develop a functional neuromorphic platform based on our metal complexes which could be world's first molecular neuromorphic technology."

# *JNCASR's novel molecule prevents obesity in mice*

Currently, there are no reliable drugs available for obesity and its associated disorders

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In spite of all the discipline of diet and exercise, are you still finding it difficult to stay in shape? The developed world suffers from numerous cases of obesity due to a more sedentary mode of life offered by the comforts of the first world. In contrast, in the developing world, due to irregular food habits and economic stress, a large number of individuals have an accumulation of visceral fat especially in the stomach area as well as in the liver.

Although obesity is more of a lifestyle-related health disorder, it can lead to several other diseases such as non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, diabetes and osteoarthritis. Surprisingly, there are no reliable drugs available for obesity and its associated disorders.

While there are several drugs undergoing clinical trials for tackling obesity, many have already fallen through due to undesirable side effects in human patients.

Over the past two decades, our laboratory has been working on how the modifications of the gene rather than the gene sequence itself can regulate gene function. This branch of molecular biology is called epigenetics. The epigenetic changes are reversible and directly correlated with habits as well as social and environmental cues.

Our genetic material DNA is wrapped around protein balls called histones to form the highly organised genome. Different chemical modifications of both DNA and histones can dictate the fate of genes in terms of them being switched on or remaining switched off. This on/off balance of gene expression is critical for health and disease.

### Turning point

We have discovered that one such rarely studied chemical modification of histone – lysine butyrylation – is critical for fat cell development that underlies obesity manifestation. This finding encouraged us to search for a small molecule that could specifically inhibit this modification and thereby arrest or ameliorate obesity.

**Safe:** Pre-clinical studies indicate that the molecule is almost non-toxic in nature, say Tapas Kundu (right) and Aditya Bhattacharya. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

After many years of effort, we could finally demonstrate that a semi-synthetic derivative of garcinol, a molecule naturally found in *Garcinia indica* (kokum) fruit rind, could selectively reduce the levels of this modification by inhibiting the catalytic activity of the enzyme responsible for it – the master epigenetic enzyme p300.

Since this molecule (LTK-14A) is very specific for only one enzymatic activity of the multi-functional enzyme p300, we expected minimal toxicity from this compound for biological applications.

### Protective effect

As per traditional knowledge, kokum (*Garcinia indica*) extracts have been known to have a protective effect against obesity. However, its exact molecular targets were not known. Furthermore, its major chemical constituent garcinol was found to be toxic as it targets many enzymes non-specifically.

Our semi-synthetic molecule, LTK-14A, could offer greater efficacy due to targeted inhibition of the less abundant butyrylation modification that becomes relevant in the context of fat cell development.

### Shows promise

We have found that this molecule not only inhibits fat synthesis in mice cell line but also prevents obesity in mice feeding on high fat-diet. Very significantly, this molecule could reduce the weight of genetically obese and highly diabetic mice as well. Furthermore, administration of this inhibitor could reduce fat accumulation in the liver also, making it a suitable candidate for being used against non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

We have also performed a few pre-clinical tests which indicate that this molecule is almost non-toxic. To increase its efficacy, we have also made a formulation with this molecule as its active component.

This discovery is all set for the next stages of drug development.

Our work on the discovery of this novel regulatory mechanism of obesity manifestation and its specific inhibitor has recently been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*.

This entire work is a result of a collaboration between scientists from the Transcription and Disease Laboratory, Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bengaluru and CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow.

*(Tapas K. Kundu and Aditya Bhattacharya are from the Transcription and Disease Laboratory, Molecular Biology and Genetics Unit, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bengaluru.)*

## Question Corner

### Discovering water

***How common are water-containing exoplanets?***

A new study suggests that many more planets may have large amounts of water than previously thought – as much as half water and half rock. The catch? All that water is probably embedded in the rock, rather than flowing as oceans or rivers on the surface.

"It was a surprise to see evidence for so many water worlds orbiting the most common type of star in the galaxy," Rafael Luque from the University of Chicago said in a release.

Scientists from the Institute of Astrophysics of the Canary Islands and the University of La Laguna decided to take a population-level look at a group of planets that are seen around a star called an M-dwarf.

As the scientists looked at 43 planets, they saw a surprising picture. The densities of a large percentage of the planets suggested that they were too light for their size to be made up of pure rock. Instead, these planets are probably something like half rock and half water, or lighter molecule.

These planets are so close to their suns that any water on the surface would exist in a supercritical gaseous phase, which would enlarge their radius. That suggests the water is not in the form of surface ocean.

Instead, the water could exist mixed into the rock or in pockets below the surface. The finding matches a theory of exoplanet formation that had fallen out of favour in the past few years, which suggested that many planets form farther out in their solar systems and migrate inward over time.

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**Big test:** Dog trappers capturing stray dogs for administering anti-rabies vaccine. • VISHNU PRATHAP

# Risk from rabies

## Which virus causes the disease? What is the treatment protocol? Are vaccines effective?

JACOB KOSHY

**The story so far:** The death of a 12-year-old girl in Kerala from rabies, despite having multiple inoculations of the vaccine, has raised questions on the efficacy of rabies vaccines in India and their availability.

**How does a rabies vaccine work?**

■ Rabies is a disease that is caused by a family of viruses called the lyssaviruses and found in a range of mammals. The virus targets the central nervous system and is nearly 100% fatal to the host animal if it succeeds in infecting it. Though many animals from cats to crocodiles can be transmitters of the virus, it is most likely to spread to people from the bite of an infected dog or a cat as they are the most common pets. Despite being potentially lethal, the virus is slow-moving and it can be several weeks before the disease manifests into a fatal encephalitis which is why administering a vaccine, even after being bitten by a rabid animal, is effective. A shot of rabies immunoglobulin (rabies-antibodies against the virus derived either from people or horses) followed by a four-week course of anti-rabies vaccine, is nearly guaranteed to prevent rabies. This translates to the first dose being given on the same day as the immunoglobulin followed by vaccinations on the 3rd, 7th and 14th day. There are other regimens, such as five shots which include one on the 28th day approved by the World Health Organization (WHO) which clinics may consider, depending on the availability of the vaccine.

**How is the vaccine made?**

■ The vaccine is made up of an inactivated virus that is expected to induce the body into producing antibodies that can neutralise the live virus in case of infection. There are also test vaccines that involve genetically modified viruses. There is no single-shot rabies vaccine or one that offers permanent immunity. There are mainly two ways of administering the rabies vaccine.

It is widely known that vaccinating dogs is essential for the elimination of rabies. But experts say that like in people, vaccinating animals doesn't guarantee lifelong immunity from the disease

One, called post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), is given to persons who have been exposed via a bite to an animal suspected to be infected. The vaccines are administered either into the muscles, or into the skin. It can also be given ahead of time to persons who have a high risk of being infected, such as veterinarians, animal handlers, areas with a high number of rabies infection, by what is called Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). The advantage of a PrEP is that if bitten, one doesn't need a immunoglobulin injection, and two subsequent shots of the vaccine will suffice for full protection, unlike the four-course prescription in the case of PEP. However, the WHO doesn't recommend PrEP as a general preventive.

**Are rabies vaccines easily available in India?**

■ According to the Health Ministry, there are at least six rabies vaccines approved for India. They all contain inactivated virus made of duck, chicken or human cell cultures and are marked as safe, efficacious and with long immunity. Rabies vaccines are available for free in government dispensaries though vaccines administered in a private clinic can cost up to ₹500 per dose. However, reports of hospitals running out of vaccines continue to surface and knowledge about vaccines and treatment is still inadequate in India. The Health Ministry has said that no centralised database of vaccine availability is maintained, being a State-procured product, but that shortage had been reported in Punjab, Haryana, West Bengal and Karnataka. The Centre says that from 2016-18, around 300 laboratory-confirmed rabies deaths were reported in India. The WHO says India is endemic for rabies and accounts for 36% of the world's deaths. The true burden of rabies in India is not fully known; although as per available information, it causes 18,000-20,000 deaths every year. About 30-60% of reported rabies cases and deaths in India occur in children under the age of 15 years, as bites that occur in children often go unrecognised and unreported, it notes.

**What about vaccines for animals?**

■ Given that rabies treatment requires multiple shots of vaccine as well as immunoglobin, sticking to the schedule is challenging. Governments of countries where rabies is endemic have frequently set targets to eliminate the disease – India has committed to do so by 2030. Yet it is widely acknowledged that this elimination requires vaccination of dogs. Like in people, vaccinating animals too doesn't guarantee lifelong immunity from the disease. Because dogs are deemed responsible for 99% of all rabies infections in people, the government in its 2021 plan, called the 'National Action for Plan – Rabies Elimination', aims to vaccinate at least 70% of all dogs in a defined geographical area annually for three consecutive years. With this, a degree of herd immunity is expected leading to eventual elimination within eight years. Rather than inoculate all dogs, the plan is to identify 'rabies hotspots' in the country and target them.

# What is the G7 planning on Russian oil?

## How will imposing a price cap on oil purchases from Russia help? How is India responding to the West's call?

SUHASINI HAIDAR

**The story so far:** On September 2, Finance Ministers of all G7 countries, the U.S., Canada, the U.K., France, Germany, Italy, Japan, as well as the European Union announced their plan to "finalise and implement a comprehensive prohibition of services which enable maritime transportation of Russian-origin crude oil and petroleum products globally", unless they are purchased at or below a "price cap" they will fix. The plan, however, doesn't include Russian gas, which Europe is still quite dependent on.

**Supply crunch:** The crude oil terminal Kozmino on the Nakhodka bay near the port city of Nakhodka, Russia. • REUTERS

**What is the price cap plan?**

■ The price cap plan is the latest of the sanctions proposed by Western countries against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, as well as Belarus for its support to Russia. For the past few weeks, U.S. and EU officials have been trying to convince countries including India, China and Turkey to join the coalition or to at least support the price cap, which they say is in the interests of all oil buyers from Russia as it will give them leverage to lower purchase prices.

**How will it be enforced?**

■ For countries that join the coalition, it would mean simply not buying Russian oil unless the price is reduced to where the cap is determined. For countries that don't join the coalition, or buy oil higher than the cap price, they would lose access to all services provided by the coalition countries including for example, insurance, currency payment, facilitation and vessel clearances for their shipments. G7 countries say they are aiming to reduce the price of oil, but not the quantity of oil that Russia sells, so as to control inflation globally while hurting the Russian economy and its ability to fund the war in Ukraine. This could only work, of course, if all countries joined the coalition.

**How has Russia reacted to the plan?**

■ Russian President Vladimir Putin has lashed out at the plan, warning that Russia would not supply "anything at all" if it contradicts Russian interests. Speaking at the Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) in Vladivostok this week, that Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined virtually, he threatened that Russia could stop supplies of gas, oil, coal, heating oil... leaving European countries to "freeze". On September 5, Russia also announced a halt on all supplies via the Nord Stream 1 pipeline to Europe due to "maintenance issues" arising from the EU sanctions already in place, raising fears of a very difficult winter for European countries.

**Will the Modi government comply with the price cap?**

■ The price cap is only the latest in a number of sanctions to hurt the Russian economy that the U.S. and EU have tried to bring India on board with: from asking India to change its uncritical stance on Russia at the United Nations, to cutting down oil imports, to stopping defence and other purchases from Russia, and to avoid the rupee-rouble payment mechanism that circumvent their sanctions. Thus far, India has not obliged, and there is little indication that New Delhi is likely to, just yet. India's oil intake from Russia, which was minuscule prior to the war has soared 50 times over. When asked, Petroleum Minister Hardeep Puri rejected any "moral" duty to join the price cap coalition, and said his only duty was to providing affordable oil to Indian consumers. At the EEF, Mr. Modi said he wanted to "strengthen" ties with Russia in the energy field and boost India's $16 billion investment in Russian oilfields. This week, Mr. Modi will also join President Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and other leaders at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Uzbekistan, where the price cap issue will no doubt be discussed from the opposite viewpoint to the G7's. It also remains to be seen whether India will bargain with the U.S. to set aside sanctions against Iran and Venezuela, from which it cancelled oil imports under pressure from the U.S. in 2017-18, in exchange for joining the price cap coalition.

# Why is the Kushiyara river treaty important?

## What is the status of the Teesta river water sharing proposal between India and Bangladesh?

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE

**The story so far:** During Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India from September 5 to 8, the two sides signed a slew of agreements, including the first water sharing agreement since the landmark Ganga Waters Treaty, 1996. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed on sharing of the waters of the Kushiyara river, a distributary of the Barak river which flows through Assam, and then on to Bangladesh. The agreement comes in a year when both lower Assam in India and Sylhet in Bangladesh have witnessed deadly floods highlighting the requirement for greater cooperation on flood control and irrigation-related issues between the two countries.

**What is the Kushiyara agreement?**

■ Over the last century, the flow of the Barak river has changed in such a way that the bulk of the river's water flows into Kushiyara while the rest goes into Surma. According to water expert, Dr. Ainun Nishat, the agreement is aimed at addressing part of the problem that the changing nature of the river has posed before Bangladesh as it unleashes floods during the monsoon and goes dry during the winter when demand of water goes up because of a crop cycle in Sylhet. Though the details of the agreement are not yet known, Dr. Nishat says that under this MoU, Bangladesh will be able to withdraw 153 cusecs (cubic feet per second) of water from the Kushiyara out of the approximately 2,500 cusecs of water that is there in the river during the winter season. There are various estimates about the area that will benefit from this supply but it is generally understood that approximately 10,000 hectares of land and millions of people will benefit from the water that will flow through a network of canals in Sylhet benefiting the farmers involved in Boro rice, which is basically the rice cultivated during the dry season of December to February and harvested in early summer. Bangladesh has been complaining that the Boro rice cultivation in the region had been suffering as India did not allow it to withdraw the required water from the Kushiyara. The agreement addresses Bangladesh's concern over water supply along the river, during the winter months but flood control in the basin of Kushiyara is expected to require much more work.

**How will Bangladesh use the water?**

■ The water of Kushiyara will be channelled through the Rahimpur Canal project in Sylhet. The Rahimpur Canal project in Zakiganj upazila or subdivision of Sylhet was built to help the farmers access Kushiyara's water but the facility used to remain dry during the lean season without serving the purpose for which it was built. The eight km long canal is the only supplier of water from the Kushiyara to the region and Bangladesh has built a pump house and other facilities for withdrawal of water that can now be utilised.

**Why is the water from the Kushiyara so important for Rahimpur Canal?**

■ The water of the Kushiyara has been used for centuries in Sylhet's subdivisions like the Zakiganj, Kanaighat and Beanibazar areas. But Bangladesh has witnessed that the flow and volume of water in the canal has reduced during the lean season. The utility of the river and the canal during the lean/winter season had gone down, affecting cultivation of rice as well as a wide variety of vegetables for which Sylhet is famous. The additional water of Kushiyara through the Rahimpur Canal therefore is the only way to ensure steady supply of water for irrigation of agriculture fields and orchards of the subdivisions of Sylhet.

**What was India's objection to the Rahimpur Canal?**

■ The Kushiyara water sharing agreement finalised during the August 25 Joint River Commission and signed during Prime Minister Hasina's visit was made possible as India withdrew its objection to withdrawal of Kushiyara's waters by Bangladesh through the Rahimpur Canal. Withdrawal of India's objection is likely the main part of the agreement, said Dr. Nishat. Before this, Bangladesh had carried out the Upper Surma Kushiyara Project which included clearing and dredging of the canal and other connected channels of water; but the channels could not be of much use to Bangladesh because India objected to the move and claimed that the dyke and other infrastructure interfered in border security as Kushiyara itself forms part of the border between the two sides. However, the agreement indicates that the economic benefits possible from the river outweighed the security concerns.

**What are the hurdles to the Teesta agreement?**

■ The Kushiyara agreement is relatively smaller in scale in comparison to Teesta that involves West Bengal, which has problems with the proposal. The Kushiyara agreement did not require a nod from any of the States like Assam from which the Barak emerges and branches into Kushiyara and Surma.The reduced water flow of the Kushiyara during winter and Teesta too, however, raise important questions about the impact of climate change on South Asian rivers that can affect communities and trigger migration. Bangladesh has cited low water flow in its rivers during the winter months as a matter of concern as it affects its agriculture sector. Dr. Nishat contends that the coming decades will throw up similar challenging issues involving river water sharing as the impact of the climate crisis becomes more visible with water levels going down in several cross-border rivers.

# How does a COVID nasal vaccine work?

## Which age group is eligible? When will it be rolled out? Will it be able to prevent infection?

RAMYA KANNAN

**The story so far:** On September 6, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya tweeted that the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation had approved Bharat Biotech's nasal vaccine for primary immunisation against COVID-19 in the 18-plus age group for restricted use in an emergency situation. It is hoped that Bharat Biotech's ChAd36-SARS-CoV-S recombinant vaccine, to be administered nasally and developed in association with the University of Washington, will prove a powerful tool in the battle against the virus by preventing infections, something the other vaccines have not been able to do.

**What does the vaccine do?**

■ A nasal vaccine is delivered through the nose or mouth and it is expected to work on the mucosal lining, prompting an immune response at the entry points of the virus in the human body. It likely prevents the infection right there, thereby also blocking its spread. Scientists have called this sterilising immunity, where the virus is prevented from causing infection in the host effectively.

Early studies at Washington University, according to a report published on the varsity's website, "showed that nasal delivery of this vaccine creates a strong immune response throughout the body, especially in the nose and respiratory tract. In animal studies, the nasal vaccine prevented infection from taking hold in the body."

Emily Waltz explains in an article in *Nature*, that the COVID-19 vaccines currently in use do a good job of reducing disease severity and preventing hospitalisation, but don't block mild illness or transmission that well. The reason for that is that they are injected into the muscle. "Intramuscular shots prompt an immune response that includes T cells, which destroy infected cells, and B cells, which produce antibodies that 'neutralise' pathogens – binding to them to stop them entering healthy cells. These cells and antibodies circulate through the bloodstream. But they aren't present at high enough levels in the nose and lungs to provide rapid protection. In the time it takes for them to journey there from the bloodstream, the virus spreads, and the infected person gets ill."

**Is a nasal vaccine the best defence against COVID-19 so far?**

■ "Exactly how successful these vaccines will be is unclear. Expecting a vaccine to stop transmission of a virus or prevent even mild illness – achieving what is called sterilising immunity – is a high bar. Bharat [Biotech] and CanSino [Chinese vaccine maker that has secured a licence to use another nasal vaccine] won't know whether their vaccines can achieve this until they have conducted further efficacy studies," explains Ms. Waltz

Both Bharat Biotech and CanSino have announced that their trials have been successful but have not released data. She points to two other nasal vaccines that have reportedly been deployed in populations, one in Iran and the other, an intra-nasal version of Sputnik V in Russia, but says scant data is available from either of them.

In a release, Bharat Biotech said: "The product – iNCOVACC – is stable at 2-8°C for easy storage and distribution. The reactogenic events and adverse events that were documented during the trial were highly comparable to the published data from other COVID-19 vaccines. Product development data will be submitted to peer-reviewed journals and will be made available in the public domain."

The University of Washington article indicated that two clinical trials of the nasal vaccine were conducted in India. "A phase 3 trial involving about 3,100 previously unvaccinated people who received two doses of the nasal vaccine, and a booster trial with about 875 people who received a single dose of the nasal vaccine after two doses of another COVID-19 vaccine. These trials, which concluded in August, indicated that the vaccine is safe and effective at eliciting a strong immune response in people when used either as a primary vaccine or as a booster."

**What next?**

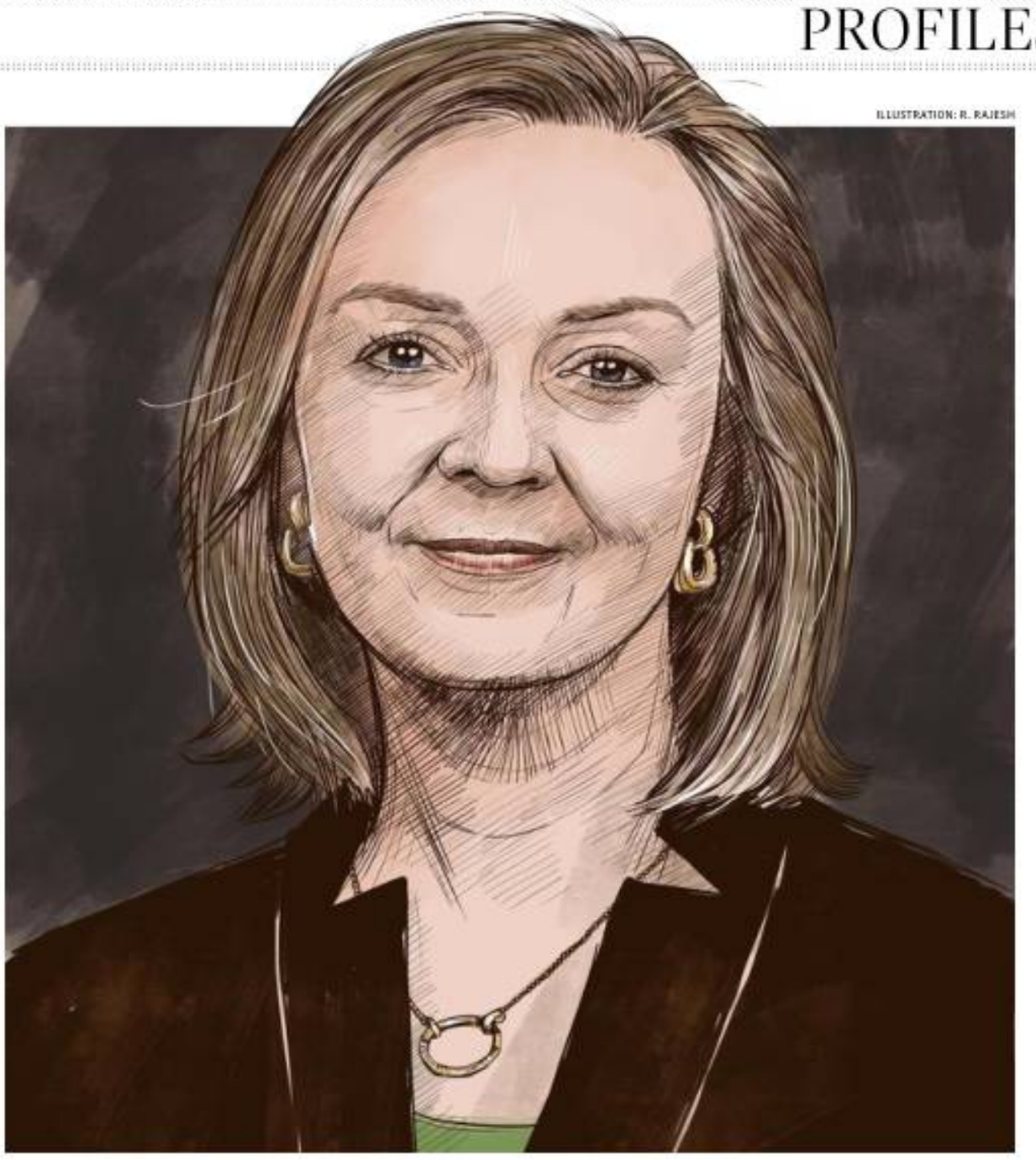
■ Early publication of trial data and a speedy rollout of a nasal vaccine would be ideal. By avoiding the jab, the nasal vaccine might be more appealing to people not yet vaccinated. It can be an option for children too, for whom it has not been authorised for use yet.

Also, though two vaccines were authorised for use in the 5-12 and 6-12 age groups in April, there is no sign of a rollout for these candidates.

LIZ TRUSS

# Promises to keep, an emotional vacuum to fill

New U.K. Prime Minister is tasked with responding to the energy crisis, enacting supply-side reforms to boost growth, revitalising the Conservative Party and also leading the nation in mourning a monarch



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**In focus**

- Liz Truss went to Oxford University and was active in liberal politics. But by the end of her time there, she jumped ship to the Tories.
- Ms. Truss' transformation into a hardcore Conservative came several years later, when, as she rose through the ranks, she carefully started cultivating an image akin to that of Margaret Thatcher's
- The other major transition that Ms. Truss underwent in her political position was regarding her switch from being a diehard Remainer on Brexit to becoming former PM Boris Johnson's frontline warrior to negotiate the terms of post-Brexit trade deals with the EU

If there is one person that the newly minted United Kingdom Prime Minister Liz Truss would probably wish to have a quiet conversation with during her first week in office, it is Tony Blair, the former Labour Prime Minister. Mr. Blair set alight the imagination of a nation mourning the sudden death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in a 1997 car crash in Paris, when he described her as the "people's princess." At a time when the royal family faced criticism for lacking in its public response to the tragedy, Mr. Blair's words brought solace to the British people and established his credentials as a leader attuned to the pulse of the nation.

Ms. Truss now faces similar circumstances, with the passing of the country's longest reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, upending the Prime Minister's well-laid plans for her early days at 10 Downing Street. Those plans include an estimated £100 billion package intended to cap skyrocketing energy prices at their current level, a fiscal intervention whose size has few past precedents except in wartime. The Truss government will also launch, in weeks ahead, a comprehensive response to the looming challenge of the wobbly U.K. economy, likely including tax cuts, eschewing "handouts," enacting supply-side reforms to boost growth, and bolstering with resources the struggling National Health Service and the defence sector.

Yet these policy imperatives may have to play second fiddle, in a political sense, to the collective emotional needs of a nation once again mourning the death of a respected member of the royal family. Can Ms. Truss, who was in the presence of the Queen earlier this week after she won the race to be the country's next Prime Minister, rise to the challenge? A glance backward at her path to higher office through many years in the trenches of the Conservative Party suggests that she has the personal and leadership traits that might just help her accomplish this.

Indeed, if there is one strength that Ms. Truss has demonstrated in the past, it is the sheer adaptability of her politics, her flexibility of political posture in response to big-picture expediencies. For example, in the early years of Ms. Truss' political career, she started out as a member of Liberal Democrats Party, a great political distance to the position she currently occupies.

Born in 1975 in Oxford to a mathematics professor father and nurse mother, Ms. Truss has described her parents as "left-wing," recalling the many discussions on political activism at their family dining table. When she was still young, she attended alongside her mother marches for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, "an organisation vehemently opposed to the [former Prime Minister Margaret] Thatcher government's decision to allow U.S. nuclear warheads to be installed at RAF Greenham Common," not far from London.

After finishing school in Leeds in the early 1990s, Ms. Truss went on to read philosophy, politics, and economics at Oxford University – considered to be the classic route to the prime ministerial chair in the U.K. – where she also became president of the university's Liberal Democrats. Her liberal politics clearly ran deep at the time for she also on the record spoke at a Liberal Democratic conference in favour of abolishing the monarchy. Yet by the end of her time at Oxford she jumped ship to the Tories, an act that is said to have come as a shock to her left-leaning parents but one that some of her friends recognised as a natural philosophical progression given that she was a "market liberal."

### Thatcher's image

Ms. Truss' transformation into a hardcore Conservative came several years further down the road, when, as she rose through the ranks, she carefully started cultivating an image akin to that of Ms. Thatcher's, from dressing like the "Iron Lady" of British politics did to mirroring a famous picture of Ms. Thatcher in Germany in 1986 by posing in a Challenger 2 tank while visiting British troops in Estonia, when she was the U.K.'s Foreign Secretary.

The other major transition that Ms. Truss underwent in her political position was regarding her switch from being a diehard Remainer on Brexit to becoming former Prime Minister Boris Johnson's frontline warrior to negotiate the terms of post-Brexit trade deals with the European Union. In doing so, she adopted a confrontational stance over plans for the Northern Ireland protocol, a tactic that made her popular with the hard-line wing of the Conservative party. Regardless, the Ms. Truss' government will face a challenge on this front on September 15, when they are required to respond to EU legal action on the alleged failure to implement this protocol.

**The government's immediate plans include an estimated £100 billion package to cap skyrocketing energy prices at their current level, a fiscal intervention whose size has few past precedents except in wartime**

Ms. Truss' critics have often described her as a political "chameleon" or "shape shifter" with a pragmatic edge. Her most recent handling of the saga of Mr. Johnson's exit certainly does point to her changeable politics. While she was astute enough to steer clear of the Conservative coup that led to Mr. Johnson's ouster from Downing Street, she managed nevertheless to avoid being labelled as an unshakeable Johnson supporter, a fine distinction that paved the way for her subsequent rise to the top job.

### Future challenges

Doubtless a future challenge that Ms. Truss will have to deal with is the fact that in the contest for the prime ministerial chair against former Chancellor Rishi Sunak she secured the backing of 81,326 of her party's members, while her rival garnered 60,399 votes. This was a far narrower margin than expected and represents less than 50% of Conservative Party members, given that nearly 20% of them did not vote. This means that now Ms. Truss will have to convince a substantial proportion of her party members that her approach to tackling the multi-pronged economic and energy crisis in the country is the optimal one. This would apply to her the major policy initiatives that she has spoken of so far, which include her plan to introduce £30bn in tax cuts, reversing the rise in National Insurance, temporarily dropping green levies on energy bills, and scrapping a planned rise in corporation tax.

In the broader canvas of British politics, there is an urgent need for revitalising the Conservative Party and underscoring its capability in terms of dealing with the post-Brexit world to the advantage of the British people and U.K. businesses. This also involves helping the party escape the reputational quagmire of sleaze scandals that held back the Johnson government and, in today's context, genuinely representing the spirit of the nation as it mourns the loss of Queen Elizabeth.

For Ms. Truss, her greatest learning at 10 Downing Street might be that while her political flip-flopping may proffer certain advantages, it can sometimes come with a high cost. It could well be that in the highly visible role of Prime Minister, Ms. Truss finds that voters hold her to a higher standard, one that is premised on dogged commitment and holding firm to promises made.

MAGSAYSAY AWARD

# In the eye of controversy

CPI(M) cites 'anti-communist stance' for declining the award for Shailaja

SUMEDA

A controversy over the 'joint' decision of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), or CPI (M), to decline the 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Award nomination for former Kerala Health Minister K.K. Shailaja has brought into focus the prize and the former Philippines President in whose name the award was instituted in 1957.

Though the CPI(M) has cited the 'anti-communist' stance of Ramon Magsaysay in his political career to justify its decision, the party has come under strong criticism for rejecting the prestigious award that has exponentially grown in stature since its inception six decades ago. Regarded as the Asian equivalent of the Nobel, the Ramon Magsaysay Award has over the years established its independent legacy, with the late President in whose name the award was instituted shifting to the background.

### Tracing the history

Born in 1907, Ramon Magsaysay (in picture, centre) quit his job at a bus company to join the Philippine Army when Japan invaded the islands during Second World War. Magsaysay led guerrilla forces against the Japanese. The U.S. took note of his leadership and appointed him as the military governor of his home province, which was also the start of his political journey. Ramon Magsaysay went on to become the seventh President of the Philippines.

During his presidency from 1953 to 1957, Magsaysay enjoyed widespread public support for spearheading military, administrative and agrarian reforms. Political scientist Jose Veloso Abueva, who is also Magsaysay's political biographer, refers to him as 'the people's president'. "...He [Magsaysay] was their man, their leader and hero like no other president ever was before him... The images that came across sharply in the media were those of a man who would take off his shoes and walk in the mud with the farmers, eat with his hands, leap over ditches. And from the time he became Secretary of National Defence up to his tenure as President, he was portrayed as a no-nonsense reformer who cleaned up the military and the bureaucracy," he says.

During his presidency, Magsaysay led a campaign against the Hukbalahap or Huks, a communist-led and peasant-based rebellion, with the assistance of the U.S. The Philippines formed the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation in 1954 to prevent communism from gaining ground.

Ramon Magsaysay was favoured to win the next presidential election, but the 49-year-old was killed in a plane crash in Cebu island on March 17, 1957.

### The award

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF), a private family foundation with its headquarters in New York, established a non-profit organisation 'the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF)' in 1957, which instituted the award to recognise persons and organisations in Asia who have "helped others generously without anticipating public recognition", regardless of race, creed, sex, or nationality".

On August 31, 1958, the first Ramon Magsaysay Award was given to five individuals and a Philippine-based organisation to commemorate the birth anniversary of Magsaysay. Since then, a select few Asian personalities and institutions are annually recognised for their transformative social work. More than 300 people and 25 organisations from 22 countries have been awarded so far. While a majority of awardees have been from Asia, some others have been honoured for their work in Asia.

Initially, the award was given in five categories – government service, public service, community leadership, journalism, literature and creative communication arts, and peace and international understanding. A new category to honour young Asian leaders was added in 2000. It is funded by a grant by the U.S.-based Ford Foundation. In 2009, the Foundation discontinued the award in fixed categories, except for emergent leadership.

In 2022, four people that have won the award are psychiatrist Sotheara Chhim (Cambodia), paediatrician Bernadette Madrid (Philippines), activist-filmmaker Gary Bencheghib (Indonesia) and ophthalmologist Tadashi Hattori (Vietnam).

Ms. Shailaja would have become the first woman recipient from Kerala had she accepted the nomination. Freedom fighter Vinoba Bhave was the first Indian to receive the award.

HEMANT SOREN

# Weathering the political storm

From an engineering dropout to Jharkhand CM, he has come a long way

AMARNATH TEWARY

For more than a fortnight, Hemant Soren had been busy keeping his flock of legislators together after Governor Ramesh Bais reportedly received a communication from the Election Commission of India (ECI), seeking the Jharkhand Chief Minister's disqualification as an MLA in connection with a case lodged against him involving a stone chips mining lease in 2019. The mysterious envelope from the ECI was said to be received by the Governor's office on August 25. Fearing poaching of MLAs by the Opposition BJP, the Mr. Soren-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) had even shifted some of them to neighbouring Chhattisgarh.

Amid the evolving situation in the tribal State, the UPA leaders met the Governor on August 31 and submitted a memorandum, urging him to clear the air regarding the ECI decision. The Governor reportedly assured them that he would bring the matter to a closure in two days.

On September 5, Mr. Soren went on to prove majority of his government on the floor of the House to assert his hold over the alliance. The Governor, meanwhile, left for Delhi and returned to State capital Ranchi after a week on September 8.

Mr. Soren faced the political stalemate with a composed demeanour, saying he was well-prepared to counter any move by the Opposition to bring down his government. During the trust motion in the 81-member Assembly, as many as 48 UPA MLAs voted for the government, while the BJP staged a walkout. Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahto said since the government had won the trust vote, "there is absolutely no uncertainty" over its fate. Though the mystery over the ECI communication is far from over, Mr. Soren seems to have weathered the political storm, at least for now.

### Reluctant politician

Mr. Soren, 47, son of three-time former Chief Minister and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) patriarch Shibu Soren and Roopi Soren, was reluctant to join politics and wanted to become an engineer. He joined the Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra in Ranchi to pursue B.Tech. in mechanical engineering, but the sudden death of his elder brother, Durga Soren, due to brain haemorrhage in May 2009, pushed him into politics as an engineering dropout.

Mr. Soren is married to Kalpana and the couple have two sons. His younger brother, Basant Soren, a JMM MLA from Dumka, was recently in news over his controversial comments that he was on a visit to Delhi to buy "undergarments". Mr. Soren also has a younger sister, Anjali.

Mr. Soren was elected to the Rajya Sabha in June 2009. He resigned from the Upper House in January 2010 after he was elected to the State Assembly from the Dumka constituency. He was quick to rise to the position of Deputy Chief Minister in September 2010, with BJP leader Arjun Munda as the Chief Minister and the JMM being an alliance partner. However, the bonhomie between the two parties soon turned sour.

Mr. Soren was sworn in as the Jharkhand Chief Minister for the first time on July 15, 2013 with the support of the Congress and the Rashtriya Janata Dal. Between 2015 and 2019, he served as the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the House. He was again elected as the 11th Chief Minister of the State in December 2019 with the support of the Congress, the Rashtriya Janata Dal, the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) and others. The president of the JMM, Mr. Soren currently represents the Barhait constituency.

### Spearheaded protests

In 2016, when the then-BJP government led by Chief Minister Raghuvar Das tried to amend the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Act, 1908 and the Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act, 1949 which allowed transfer of Adivasi land for building roads, canals, educational institutions, hospitals and for other government purposes, the Opposition led by Mr. Soren staged strong protests against the Amendment Bill till it was withdrawn in August 2017.

The protests, many in Jharkhand say, put Mr. Soren at the centre stage of Jharkhand politics and made him the true heir of their *Guruji*, Shibu Soren. From a reluctant politician, Mr. Soren had evolved into a "mature" one.

With the sword of disqualification still hanging over his head, it remains to be seen if Mr. Soren can continue to beat the odds.

# Adani offer for ACC gets dull response

## Investors tender just 8.28% of ACC shares at open offer, 1.35% of Ambuja Cements stock, filings show

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Adani Group's ₹31,000-crore open offer to acquire 26% additional stakes in Swiss firm Holcim's two Indian listed entities ACC Ltd. and Ambuja Cements closed on Friday amid lacklustre response from public shareholders.

According to ACC's regulatory filing, till 6:40 p.m. on Friday, about 40.51 lakh equity shares were tendered against the original offer of 4.89 crore shares, which is just 8.28%.

Similarly, for Ambuja Cements only 1.35% of shares were tendered.

According to the latest regulatory updates on Saturday morning, only 6.97 lakh shares of Ambuja Cements had been tendered in the escrow demat account compared to the original offer for 51.63 crore shares from the public shareholders.

The offer for both companies opened on August 26.

In May, Adani had made an open offer at ₹2,300 per share for ACC and ₹385 per share for Ambuja Cements Ltd. following its deal to acquire a controlling stake in Holcim's businesses in India for $10.5 billion.

**Cement foray:** Adani said in May it would buy a controlling stake in Holcim's india businesses for $10.5 billion. •REUTERS

However, on Friday when the open offer ended, shares of ACC settled at ₹2,365 on the BSE, 2.82% higher than the offer price. Ambuja Cements settled at ₹453.90 on the BSE, which is 17.9% higher than the offer price.

Though on Friday, which was the last day of the open offer, ACC had reported a spurt in volume by more than 2.13 times, while Ambuja Cements traded at a new 52-week high of ₹484.70.

### Mauritius-based firm

The letter of offer for the open offer was extended by the Adani family group's Mauritius-based firm Endeavour Trade and Investment.

Endeavour is promoted by Acropolis Trade and Investment Ltd., which is held by certain members of the Adani family.

On May 15, the Adani Group announced a deal to acquire a controlling stake in Holcim's businesses in India for $10.5 billion (about ₹83,920 crore current value), marking the ports-to-energy conglomerate's entry into the cement sector.

Adani Group will acquire 63.1% of Ambuja Cements along with related assets. Ambuja's local subsidiaries include ACC, which is also publicly traded.

Ambuja Cements and ACC have a combined installed production capacity of 70 million tonnes per annum. The two firms together have 23 cement plants, 14 grinding stations, 80 ready-mix concrete plants and over 50,000 channel partners.

# 'I-T nod not a must for RRPR warrant trade'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

RRPR Holding, the promoter group firm of NDTV, does not require any approval from the Income Tax Department for the conversion of warrants into equity shares, Adani Group firm VCPL informed the media company.

In a filing, NDTV said RRPR Holding and the company had received a letter from VCPL informing that it had approached the IT department on the issue, which in its reply said no such restriction applies on conversion of warrants.

Earlier, RRPR informed VCPL that its stake in NDTV had been provisionally attached by I-T authorities and required their approval for the transfer.

# RIL buys Shubhalakshmi Polyesters for ₹1,592 cr.

## 'Acquisition to bolster textile business'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd. has acquired polyester chips and yarn manufacturer Shubhalakshmi Polyesters Ltd. for ₹1,592 crore, the company said in a stock exchange filing.

"Reliance Petroleum Retail Ltd. (under name change to 'Reliance Polyester Ltd.'), a wholly owned subsidiary... today executed definitive documents to acquire polyester business of Shubhalakshmi Polyesters Ltd. and Shubhlaxmi Polytex Ltd. for cash consideration of ₹1,522 crore and ₹70 crore respectively, aggregating to ₹1,592 crore by way of slump sale on a going concern basis," the firm said.

The acquisition will strengthen RIL's textile manufacturing business.

SPL produces polyester fibre, yarns and textile-grade chips through direct polymerisation as well as extruder spinning with value addition through texturising. It has a continuous polymerisation capacity of 2,52,000 tonnes per year and has two units – in Dahej in Gujarat and Silvassa in Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

# 'Rice exports may fall by 4-5 MT post ban, 20% levy'

## About 21 MT shipped in 2021-22 fiscal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

**India is exporting non-basmati rice for $380-400 per tonne, lower than other countries**

India's rice exports could fall by 4-5 million tonnes (MT) this fiscal year due to the ban on shipment of broken rice as well as export duty on non-basmati rice, except for parboiled grains, exporters said.

India, which commands 40% share in the global rice trade, exported 21.23 MT of rice in 2021-22 fiscal as against 17.78 MT in the previous year. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the exports were at 9.51 MT in the 2019-20 fiscal.

During April-August period of the current financial year, government data, showed that the country had already exported 9.35 MT as against 8.36 MT in the year-earlier period.

"The exports may fall to 16-17 MT in this financial year because of the ban on broken rice and 20% export duty," All India Rice Exporters Association (AIREA) former president Vijay Setia told PTI.

He said the country was exporting non-basmati rice for $380-400 per tonne, lower than the rate of shipments from other countries.

The price realisation is "expected to improve at par with our competitors" after the government's latest decisions, Mr. Setia added.

# Propel unveils EV truck for use in mines

M. SOUNDARIYA PREETHA
COIMBATORE

Coimbatore-based Propel Industries said it plans to shortly start commercial production of an EV dump truck it has developed.

MD V. Senthil Kumar said while Propel had obtained approval for use of the vehicle in mines, the EV truck would be rolled out next year for on road use after securing the required permits. Propel would invest in creating production capacities for the vehicle.

The EV has a motor with automatic transmission and the charging time varies from 1-3 hours. The battery and charging time would be customised depending on the power supply at the buyer's mines.

# Duroflex to invest ₹20 cr. in furniture production

## To double capacity with unit at Indore

N. ANAND
CHENNAI

Mattress maker Duroflex India, which recently forayed into furniture, said it is set to double production capacity.

"After being in the mattress business for over five decades, we ventured into furniture segment recently," said chief managing director Mathew Chandy. "Buoyed by the response, we plan to set up a new unit at Indore to double the production capacity," he added.

"We are a zero-waste company. Almost all the materials are reused, and some are sourced locally," he said.

Duroflex has a furniture making unit at Hosur and a second one has been planned at Indore, where it has sufficient space to make

both furniture and mattresses, Mr. Chandy said.

According to him, about ₹20 crore has been invested in the Hosur facility which can produce 2,500 sofa sets a month. An additional ₹20 crore would be invested in Indore to make 2,500 sofa sets a month.

The company hopes to clock a revenue of ₹100 crore in the first 12 months post the expansion.

# China rate cut, property crisis likely to benefit Indian realtors

## 'Commodity prices may ease further, will be a direct benefit'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The recent decision by China's central bank to lower interest rates, a move believed to be targeted at averting a major property crisis in that country, is expected to turn beneficial for India's real estate sector, said industry officials.

"The commodity prices have eased since the beginning of this year, and with the fall of China's real estate market, the process is likely to get accelerated further," said Vipin Mittal, CEO Projects, Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (India).

"Steel, aluminium, and copper prices have a direct impact on construction cost,

and any reduction in these augurs well for developers," he added.

"While billions of dollars of investments are in the pipeline, there is very high probability of those investing in China diverting their funds into the Indian real estate market," Mr. Mittal said.

"With the current slowdown in sales and investors' confidence in developers being shaken due to heavy debt ratio, Indian real estate market can emerge as the underdog where international investors will be able to confidently invest," said Rishabh Siroya, founder, Legend Siroya Realtors and president-elect Naredco NextGen.

"While tremors of China's interest rate cut will be felt in India, it will land on its feet owing to other countries looking at India as their potential investment opportunity," said Harrish Kumar Jain, vice-president, Brihanmumbai Developers Association (BDA).

# SPORT

# Chahat steals the show

## Siva, Maana adjudged the best; Karnataka tops the charts

Y.B. SARANGI
GUWAHATI

Chahat Arora bettered the National record twice on her way to winning the women's 100m gold medal on the final day of the National aquatic championships at the Dr. Zakir Hussain Aquatic Complex here on Saturday.

The 25-year-old from Punjab clocked 1:14.38 in the heats to improve her record of 1:14.42 set in the Thailand Open last year. In the final, Chahat timed 1:13.61 to claim the title in style.

"I trained with (Asian Games medallist breaststroker) Sandeep Sejwal for two months and it helped me improve my timing. He asked me to go for records in the heats to build the momentum," said Chahat, who set a new 50m breaststroke mark on day one.

S. Siva and Maana Patel won their third individual gold medals to be adjudged the best swimmers.

**The results: Men: 200m freestyle:** 1. Aneesh Gowda (Kar) 1:52.49, 2. Vishal Grewal (Del) 1:53.04, 3. Sambhavv R. (Kar) 1:54.55; **200m butterfly:** 1. Aryan Panchal (Guj) 2:02.97, 2. Sanu Debnath (RSPB) 2:04.97, 3. Bikram Changmai (Asm) and Harsh Saroha (Har) 2:05.24; **100m breaststroke:** 1. Likith S.P. (SSCB) 1:02.54, 2. Danush Suresh (TN) 1:03.71, 3. Anoop Augustine (RSPB) 1:04.74; **100m backstroke:** 1. S. Siva (Kar) 57.59, 2. Vinayak V. (SSCB) 57.81, 3. Utkarsh Patil (Kar) 58.38; **Team championship:** Karnataka (129 points); **Best swimmer:** S. Siva S. (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 NMR).

**Day to remember:** Chahat broke her own 100m breaststroke National record twice. •RITU RAJ KONWAR

**Women: 100m freestyle:** 1. Shivangi Sarma (Asm) 57.73, 2. Avantika Chavan (RSPB) 59.29, 3. Mahi Swetraj (Bih) 59.78; **800m freestyle:** 1. Bhavya Sachdeva (Del) 9:17.25, 2. Vritti Agarwal (Tel) 9:24.43, 3. Richa Mishra (AIP) 9:30.78; **200m butterfly:** 1. Astha Choudhury (Asm) 2:22.59, 2. Kanya Nayyar (MP) 2:24.37, 3. Vritti Agarwal (Tel) 2:24.48; **100m breaststroke:** 1. Chahat Arora (Pun) 1:13.61 (New, Old: self, 1:14.38, 2022), 2. Jyoti Patil (Mah) 1:16.33, 3. 3. Manavi Varma (Kar) 1:16.99; **100m backstroke:** 1. Maana Patel (Guj) 1:04.33, 2. Soubrity Mondal (Ben) 1:07.01, 3. Palak Joshi (Mah) 1:07.96; **Team championship:** Karnataka (121); **Best swimmer:** Maana Patel (3 gold, 1 bronze, 1 NMR).

**Diving: Men: 1m springboard:** 1. Gaurav Raghuvanshi (RSPB) 251.80, 2. Surajit Rajbanshi (SSCB) 242.45, 3. Anuj Shah (Mah) 239.80; **Team championship: Men:** SSCB (32); **Women:** RSPB (24).

**Water polo: Men:** 1. RSPB, 2. SSCB, 3. AIP; **Women:** 1. AIP, 2. Kerala, 3. Bengal.

# Theon for feature event

**HYDERABAD:** Trainer P. Shroff's ward Theon, who is in good condition, should not find it difficult to win the President Of India Gold Cup, the chief event of Sunday's (Sept. 11) races.

**1 MEDAK PLATE** (1,400m) Maiden, 3-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.45 p.m.: 1. Ok Boss (5) Santosh Raj 60, 2. Dream Station (2) Akshay Kumar 57.5, 3. Above The Law (9) Md. Ismail 56, 4. Cash Register (3) Chouhan 54.5, 5. Challenger (10) R.S. Jodha 54, 6. Baisa (7) Kiran Naidu 53.5, 7. Redeem Our Pledge (1) Trevor 53.5, 8. Silver Lining (8) Afroz Khan 52.5, 9. Akash (6) Rafique Sk. 51.5 and 10. Silk Route (4) B. Nikhil 50.5.

**1. DREAM STATION, 2. CASH REGISTER, 3. OK BOSS**

**2 TUDOR JET PLATE** (1,800m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II), 2.15: 1. Canterbury (9) B.R. Kumar 56, 2. City Cruise (10) Nakhat Singh 56, 3. Hero Of The East (3) Akshay Kumar 56, 4. My Way Or Highway (2) Mohit Singh 56, 5. Sergeant Reckless (6) Kiran Naidu 56, 6. Sooryа Vahan (4) Md. Ismail 56, 7. Turgut (1) Afroz Khan 56, 8. Carnival Lady (7) Gaurav Singh 54.5, 9. Purple Rock (8) B. Nikhil 54.5 and 10. Voice Of A Dream (5) Trevor 54.5.

**1. HERO OF THE EAST, 2. VOICE OF A DREAM, 3. CARNIVAL LADY**

**3 ROCK OF GIBRALTAR PLATE** (1,800m), rated upto 25 (Cat. III), 2.45: 1. Call Of The Blue (7) Gaurav Singh 62, 2. Queen Blossom (1) Md. Ismail 62, 3. N R I Ruby (2) Santosh Raj 60, 4. Neffereti (5) P. Vikram 59.5, 5. Amalfitana (6) P.S. Chouhan 59, 6. AR Superior (4) Kiran Naidu 56, 7. That's My Way (3) Afroz Khan 55.5 and 8. Cephalonia (8) B. Nikhil 50.

**1. QUEEN BLOSSOM, 2. AMALFITANA, 3. N R I RUBY**

**4 PRESIDENT OF INDIA GOLD CUP** (Gr. 2) (2,400m) (Terms), 4-y-o & upward, 3.15: 1. Theon (2) P.S. Chouhan 62, 2. Pissarro (3) Trevor 55.5 and 3. N R I Infinity (1) Akshay Kumar 50.5.

**1. THEON**

**5 TELANGANA AND ANDHRA SUB AREA TROPHY** (1,200m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.45: 1. Carlisle (7) Mukesh Kumar 60, 2. Cosmico (4) D.S. Deora 60, 3. Laurus (6) Akshay Kumar 59.5, 4. Stag's Leap (2) Suraj Narredu 59, 5. Divine Connection (8) R.S. Jodha 58.5, 6. Exclusive Spark (5) Md. Ismail 58.5, 7. Blue Label (13) Nakhat Singh 57, 8. Star Cruise (10) Kuldeep Singh 57, 9. Theo's Choice (1) Kiran Naidu 57, 10. Wot's Up Jay (12) G. Naresh 54, 11. Soorya Kiran (11) Abhay Singh 53.5, 12. Blast In Class (14) Khurshad Alam 53, 13. Fatuma (3) P. Gaddam 53 and 14. Sweet Talk (9) Santosh Raj 53.

**1. LAUBUS, 2 STAG'S LEAP, 3. DIVINE CONNECTION**

**6 RED SURPRISE PLATE** (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only (Cat. II), 4-15: 1. Acrobat (15) Surya Prakash 56, 2. China Town (5) Kuldeep Singh 56, 3. Life Is Good (6) Abhay Singh 56, 4. My Grandeur (11) B. Nikhil 56, 5. Orin Swift (2) A.A. Virkant 56, 6. Protocol (14) Md. Ismail 56, 7. Shubhrak (1) P. Vikram 56, 8. Star Medal (8) Nakhat Singh 56, 9. Alina (7) Khurshad Alam 54.5, 10. Dyanoosh (9) Akshay Kumar 54.5, 11. Hoping Cloud (13) Mohit Singh 54.5, 12. Life's Living (10) Rafique Sk. 54.5, 13. Malahat (4) D.S. Deora 54.5, 14. Once I Come (12) Kiran Naidu 54.5 and 15. Yaletown (3) P.S. Chouhan 54.5.

**1. YALETOWN, 2. DYANOOSH, 3. PROTOCOL**

Day's Best: THEON
Jackpot: 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6.
Mini Jackpot: 2, 3, 5 & 6.
Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3. (ii) 4, 5 & 6.
Tanala: 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6.

# Shreyas stuns the field with incredible run

**Turning heads:** Shreyas showcased his potential with a remarkable display. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

Bengaluru schoolboy Shreyas Hareesh (Rockers Racing) pulled off a sensational win – his first – in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category, defeating riders almost twice his age, in the fourth round of the MRF-MMSC-FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship at the Madras International Circuit on Saturday.

K.Y. Ahamed led a 1-2-3 finish for Petronas TVS Racing in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category. Pacer Yamaha enjoyed a double podium with Prabhu Arunagiri taking the top spot and teammate Mathana Kumar finishing third behind Idemitsu Honda SK69 Racing's Rajiv Sethu in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open race.

The 12-year-old Shreyas, a sixth standard student of Kensri School in Bengaluru, started from P3 on the grid. He grabbed the lead even before turn one and hung on. It was Shreyas' first outing in the Novice class this season.

**Provisional results (6 laps unless mentioned): National Championship-Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (Race-1):** 1. K.Y. Ahamed (Petronas TVS) (11m18.883s); 2. Deepak Ravikumar (Petronas TVS) (11:22.507); 3. Jagan Kumar (Petronas TVS) (11:23.439).

**Pro-Stock 165cc Open (Race-1, 5 laps):** 1. Prabhu Arunagiri (Pacer Yamaha) (09:52.203); 2. Rajiv Sethu (Idemitsu Honda SK69 Racing) (09:52.304); 3. Mathana Kumar (Pacer Yamaha) (09:52.389).

**Novice (Stock 165cc, Race-1):** 1. Shreyas Hareesh (Rockers Racing) (12:59.578); 2. Rohan R. (Axor Sparks Racing) (12:59.744); 3. Kayan Zubin Patel (Axor Sparks) (13:00.498).

**Stock 301-400cc (Support event, Race-1):** 1. Mihir Vijay Sakpal (Winverve Apex Racing Academy) (12:32.066); 2. Naresh Shobha Kaname (12:34.281); 3. Jayanth Prathipati (12:35.123).

**Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup-NSF 250R (Race-1):** 1. Kavin Quintal (11:13.591); 2. A.S. James (11:19.131); 3. Mohsin P. (11:20.218).

**Novice (CBR 150):** 1. Raheesh Mudassar Khatri (12:54.512); 2. Siddesh Sawant (13:05.064); 3. Harshith V. Bogar (13:19.398); **Hornet 2.0 (Support event, Race-1):** 1. Allwin Xavier (13:28.607); 2. Romario John (13:29.606); 3. G. Balaji (13:29.750).

**Petronas TVS One-Make Championship-Girls (Apache RTR 200, 5 laps):** 1. Aditi Krishnan (11:00.774); 2. Nithila Das (11:07.686); 3. Saimah Ajaz Baig (11:20.504); **Rookie (Apache RTR 200):** 1. Chiranth Vishwanath (12:32.942); 2. Abdul Basim (12:38.899); 3. Savion Sabu (12:48.010).

# Krishna does it in the nick of time

## His strike helps Bengaluru beat Odisha and enter semifinal

SPORTS BUREAU

A Roy Krishna strike in the final minute of added time in extra-time saw Bengaluru FC beat Odisha FC 2-1 in the quarterfinal of the Durand Cup on Saturday.

Substitute Sivasakthi Narayanan gave the Blues a 1-0 lead in extra-time before Diego Mauricio pulled level with seven minutes left. Just as the game looked headed to penalties, Krishna pulled Bengaluru over the line with a superb strike from distance.

Both sides went into the break as a cagey first-half ended goalless. In the second period, Bengaluru pushed forward and almost found the back of the net when Javi Hernandez's free-kick found Jhingan's header but it flew off target.

**Final twist:** When the match looked headed for penalties, Krishna stepped in. •DEBASISH BHADURI

Sivasakthi, who replaced Sunil Chhetri, made an instant impact, finding himself at the end of Ralte's save to slot home from close range to make it 1-0.

Against the run of play, Odisha – which was down to 10 after Shubham Sarangi was sent off last in the second half – found the equaliser through Mauricio, who nodded home a free-kick from Sahil Panwar.

Krishna found the net in what was the final action of the game. Picking up the ball with seconds left to play, Krishna unleashed a strike from over 25 yards that flew into the top corner past a hapless Ralte in the Odisha goal.

# No play possible on third day

**NZ-A IN INDIA**

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
HUBBALLI

If there had been no rain, Umran Malik could have had a go at the Kiwi batters with his express pace on a responsive wicket, in helpful conditions, and with a red ball, to boot.

If there had been no rain, K.S. Bharat could have played more of his delightful drives in his attempt for a hundred.

But alas! Drizzle turned into rain. The sun barely made an appearance, leaving the outfield wet. Not to mention the overnight rain.

That meant there was no play on the third day of the second cricket 'Test' between India-A and New-Zealand-A at the KSCA Stadium here on Saturday.

And, it was the second time that the entire day was rained off. After the first day wash-out, the match had begun on Friday, when 66 overs were possible. The host, put in, had made 229 for six when play came to an end.

So with just a day left, even the first innings of both teams may not be completed. If the weather gets better – despite the forecast – Bharat will resume batting on 74 on Sunday morning.

# Lankan confidence vs Pakistan passion

## Islanders hold a slight edge after scripting a remarkable turnaround; toss likely to play a crucial role

ASIA CUP

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

Going by the trend, the toss will play a crucial factor when Sri Lanka takes on Pakistan in the Asia Cup final at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium here on Sunday.

**Chasing luck**

In the eight matches played at this venue in this tournament, the chasing team has won six times. The two captains, Dasun Shanaka and Babar Azam, will be desperate to call it right and field first.

Sri Lanka will enter the fixture with the slight edge, having comfortably won the dress rehearsal Super 4 game against the same opponent on Friday.

Sri Lanka has scripted a remarkable turnaround, winning four matches on the trot after suffering a crushing eight-wicket loss to Afghanistan in the tournament opener a couple of weeks ago.

Pathum Nissanka, whose unbeaten 55 sank Pakistan on Friday, is a stable presence at the top of the order.

**Adventurous**

His partner Kusal Mendis, going at a tournament strike-rate of 158.16, is an adventurous stroke-maker. Left-arm pacer Dilshan Madushanka, who shapes it into the right-handers, is dangerous with the new ball.

"We're getting very good comments from Sri Lankans back home. They send us good wishes and love. It's so nice to win and give something back to the people," captain Shanaka said. "Our confidence is massive after winning four consecutive games."

Pakistan, depending on which version shows up on the day, can be exhilarating or frustrating.

The good side showed up against India and Afghanistan in the Super 4, while the dull face put a downer on proceedings in the Sri Lanka outing.

Spinners Mohammad Nawaz and Shadab Khan have been among the wickets, and speedster Naseem Shah is in rhythm. It is only the poor run of batters Fakhar Zaman and Azam that poses a concern.

"Sri Lanka will take confidence into the final. Pakistan will take passion and learning into the final," Pakistan head coach Saqlain Mushtaq said.

Mushtaq does not buy the theory that the toss will influence the result. "If you want to become champion, you don't even think or talk about the toss," the former Pakistan off-spinner said.

### Pakistan-Sri Lanka H2H in T20Is

| | M | Pakistan | Sri Lanka |
|---|---|---|---|
| Overall | 22 | 13 | 9 |
| In Dubai | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| In Asia Cup | 2 | 1 | 1 |

THE FINAL

vs.

*Dubai, 7.30 p.m. IST.*

Form Guide
*(last five matches, latest game first)*

Pakistan L W W W L
Sri Lanka W W W W L

# After Robinson-Broad show, SA hits back

REUTERS
LONDON

Seamer Ollie Robinson took five for 49 and Stuart Broad four for 41 as England skittled out South Africa for 118 in its first innings on day three of the third and final Test at The Oval on Saturday. The visitors, however, hit back through Marco Jansen.

The left-arm quick's four for 34 reduced the hosts to 154 for seven at stumps.

Earlier, Jansen had top-scored for South Africa, making 30.

SCOREBOARD

**South Africa – 1st innings:** Dean Elgar b Robinson 1, Sarel Erwee c Foakes b Anderson 0, Keegan Petersen b Robinson 12, Ryan Rickelton c Foakes b Broad 11, Khaya Zondo c Lees b Broad 23, Kyle Verreynne c Foakes b Robinson 0, Wiaan Mulder c Foakes b Robinson 3, Marco Jansen c Root b Robinson 30, Keshav Maharaj b Broad 18, Kagiso Rabada (not out) 7, Anrich Nortje c Stokes b Broad 7; Extras (lb-2, nb-4): 6; Total (in 36.2 overs): 118.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-2, 2-7, 3-21, 4-31, 5-32, 6-36, 7-72, 8-99, 9-110.

**England bowling:** Anderson 8-2-16-1, Robinson 14-3-49-5, Broad 12.2-1-41-4, Leach 2-1-10-0.

**England – 1st innings:** Alex Lees b Jansen 13, Zak Crawley lbw b Jansen 5, Ollie Pope c Verreynne b Rabada 67, Joe Root c Petersen b Jansen 23, Harry Brook c Rabada b Jansen 12, Ben Stokes c Erwee b Nortje 6, Ben Foakes (batting) 11, Stuart Broad c Verreynne b Rabada 6, Ollie Robinson (batting) 3; Extras (b-1, lb-1, nb-6): 8; Total (for seven wkts. in 33.4 overs): 154.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-17, 2-43, 3-84, 4-107, 5-129, 6-133, 7-151.

**South Africa bowling:** Rabada 11.4-1-78-2, Jansen 11-2-34-4, Mulder 2-0-11-0, Nortje 9-0-29-1.

**Toss:** England.

IN BRIEF

**Leclerc takes pole**

MONZA

Ferrari's Charles Leclerc took pole for the Italian Grand Prix after topping the times in qualifying on Saturday. George Russell, who posted the sixth fastest time in qualifying for Mercedes, will start alongside Leclerc on the front row. AFP

**Rose's revenge**

BERLIN

Leipzig's new coach Marco Rose oversaw a 3-0 rout of Borussia Dortmund, the club which fired him after last season, and Bayern Munich was held to its third straight draw in the Bundesliga with a 2-2 result against Stuttgart.

# Unadkat and Gaja cut North East to size

## Debutant team bowled out for 235 after West declares at overnight 590 for two

DULEEP TROPHY

S. DIPAK RAGAV
CHENNAI

Jaydev Unadkat's early triple strike (3/35), followed by Chintan Gaja's four-wicket haul (4/38) which cleaned up the tail, ensured West Zone took a 355-run first-innings lead over North East Zone in the Duleep Trophy quarterfinal here on Saturday.

West Zone skipper Ajinkya Rahane declared at the overnight score with his team sitting pretty at 590 for two.

For North East, Ankur Malik provided some rearguard action with a quick 81 off just 95 balls to bail out his side from deep trouble before the debutant team was bowled out for 235.

Ankur Malik. •K. PICHUMANI

**Overcast conditions**

Earlier, under overcast conditions at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, Unadkat proved too good for the North East batters as he removed opener Kishan Lyndoh bowled and Muhammed Al Bashid off successive deliveries in the fifth over.

At the other end, medium-pacer Gaja had Jonathan Rongsen bowled and when Unadkat had the other opener Techi Doria caught at slip, North East was struggling at 20 for four.

It was then left to Ashish Thapa (43) and skipper Hokaito Zhimomi (32) to steady things for North East as they added 62 runs for the fifth wicket.

When Malik walked out, his side was struggling at 84 for six but he played without inhibition, taking on the bowlers and adding 67 runs for the seventh wicket with Zhimomi.

The all-rounder went after left-arm spinner Shams Mulani hitting him for seven boundaries in his knock. The 19-year-old got down on his knees and targeted the leg-side fence with his sweep shots clearing the in-field with ease.

Malik was dropped on 43 by Rahul Tripathi at backward-point and the youngster got to his half-century in style with a punch through covers off Gaja.

Despite securing the crucial first-innings lead, West Zone chose not to enforce the follow-on and ended the day at 12 for one in its second innings, and led by 367 runs.

The last day's play gives a chance for West Zone's other batters to have a hit in the middle before the semifinals.

**The scores:**

**West Zone – 1st innings:** 590/2 decl.

**North East Zone – 1st innings:** Techi Doria c Rahane b Unadkat 11, Kishan Lyngdoh b Unadkat 2, Muhammed Al Bashid c Het b Unadkat 0, Jonathan Rongsen b Gaja 2, Hokaito Zhimomi c Het b Gaja 32, Ashish Thapa c Mulani b Sheth 43, Dippu Sangma c Het b Sheth 2, Ankur Malik b Gaja 81, Kishan Singha lbw b Mulani 22, Rex Rajkumar Singh (not out) 28, Bishworjit Singh c Jani b Gaja 1; Extras (lb-7, nb-4): 11; Total (in 81.5 overs): 235.

**Fall of wickets:** 1-13, 2-13, 3-16, 4-20, 5-82, 6-84, 7-151, 8-189, 9-229.

**West Zone bowling:** Unadkat 15-3-35-3, Gaja 15.5-4-38-4, Sheth 12-1-51-2, Jani 10-2-29-0, Mulani 26-10-65-1, Jaiswal 3-0-10-0.

**West Zone – 2nd innings:** Het Patel b Dippu 7, Rahul Tripathi (batting) 5, Hardik Tamore (batting) 0; Total (for one wkt. in 9 overs): 12.

**Fall of wicket:** 1-8.

**North East Zone bowling:** Dippu 5-1-6-1, Rex 4-1-6-0.

# Dhull masterclass highlights day three

## Shorey, Rana lend admirable support as dominant North takes first innings lead

S. DINAKAR
PUDUCHERRY

The manner he walks to the crease, takes guard and settles in his stance... Yash Dhull oozes confidence and belief.

Dhull is technically impressive too with his judgement in the corridor, a still head, body balance in offence and defence and footwork that adjusts to the length.

Dhull's iridescent 193 (243b, 28x4, 2x6) here at the quaint CAP ground on Saturday was a masterclass from the 19-year-old Delhi youngster.

**Ruling the bowling:** Dhull was all poise and panache in his brilliant knock of 193. •S.S. KUMAR

**All but through**

And North Zone, replying to East's 397, was 433 for three at close on day three and all but through to the Duleep Trophy semifinals, on a pitch that just refuses to deteriorate.

Himanshu Rana (62 batting, 82b, 8x4), who struck the ball firmly, and skipper Mandeep Singh (34 batting) were together at stumps.

The brilliant Dhull was the cynosure, batting with with composure and flair.

The solidity in his methods with a sound defence is unmistakable. Dhull has a forward press as a trigger but doesn't commit himself.

Those flowing strokes off pacemen and spinners off either foot, the scorching cover-drives, the blazing cuts, the scintillating straight drives, the pulsating pulls and the whiplash flicks were all there.

And he found the gaps with a surgeon's precision.

Well begun is half done and the opening pair of Dhull and Manan Vohra (44) put on 128 in 29.2 overs.

Vohra, who struck the ball crisply, was stumped off left-arm spinner Shahbaz Nadeem.

There was no let up for East. Dhull and Dhruv Shorey added 192 for the second wicket. Shorey (81, 163b, 9x4) essayed some handsome shots in front of the wickets.

Dhull, dismissed off a no ball once, missed out on a double hundred playing on to paceman Manisankar Murasingh. Shorey was cleaned up by seamer Akash Deep.

However, East's strikes were few and far between. North is in the box seat. Dhull ruled on day three.

**The scores:**

**East Zone – 1st innings:** 397.

**North Zone – 1st innings:** Yash Dhull b Murasingh 193, Manan Vohra st Porel b Shahbaz Nadeem 44, Dhruv Shorey b Akash 81, Mandeep Singh (batting) 34, Himanshu Rana (batting) 62; Extras (b-9, nb-10): 19; Total (for three wkts. in 111 overs): 433.

**East bowling:** Ishan Porel 16-1-64-0, Murasingh 18-1-59-1, Akash 17-1-72-1, Shahbaz Nadeem 33-2-107-1, Shahbaz Ahmed 9.4-0-46-0, Parag 13-1-61-0, Tiwary 0.2-0-2.0, Majumdar 4-0-13-0.

# Alcaraz to battle Ruud for crown

## World No. 1 ranking awaits the winner of the summit clash

**Top shots:** Alcaraz overcame Tiafoe in a marathon while Ruud moved past Khachanov in four sets. •AFP & AP

U.S. OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK

Carlos Alcaraz defeated Frances Tiafoe in a gladiatorial US Open semifinal on Friday, setting up a showdown for the title and World No. 1 ranking against Casper Ruud.

The 19-year-old Spaniard triumphed 6-7(6), 6-3, 6-1, 6-7(7), 6-3 to become the youngest men's Grand Slam finalist since compatriot Rafael Nadal captured the first of his 22 Slams at the 2005 French Open.

Norway's seventh-ranked Ruud earlier defeated Russia's Karen Khachanov 7-6 (5), 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

**Stiff fight**

Tiafoe went down fighting, however, saving three match-points and retrieving breaks in both of the last two sets.

For Alcaraz, who unleashed 59 winners, it was his third successive five-setter as he closes in on a maiden Slam and becoming the youngest ever World No. 1.

World No. 26 Tiafoe, who knocked Nadal out of the tournament in the last-16, was hoping to become the first American man in a Major final since Andy Roddick at Wimbledon in 2009.

**Second Major final**

Ruud will be appearing in his second Grand Slam final of the season after finishing runner-up to Nadal at the French Open in June.

"After Roland Garros, I was extremely happy but at the same time humble enough to think that could be my only final in a Grand Slam in my career," said Ruud.

The 23-year-old Norwegian set the tone for his dominance early when he came out on top in a 55-shot rally to convert a third set-point in the opening tie-break which his Russian rival described as "crazy".

Earlier, Britain's Joe Salisbury donned a black armband in honour of Queen Elizabeth as he won the U.S. Open men's doubles title with American partner Rajeev Ram.

Top seeds Salisbury and Ram defeated Wesley Koolhof of the Netherlands and Neal Skupski of Britain 7-6 (4), 7-5. It was the pair's second successive title in New York as they became the first back-to-back champions at the tournament since 1996.

Skupski wore a black ribbon on his shirt as the two British players paid tribute to Queen Elizabeth who died on Thursday.

THE RESULTS

**Men: Semifinals:** 5-Ruud (Nor) bt 27-Khachanov 7-6(5), 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; 3-Alcaraz (Esp) bt 22-Tiafoe (USA) 6-7(6), 6-3, 6-1, 6-7(5), 6-3.

**Doubles: Final:** 1-Salisbury & Ram (GBR/USA) bt 2-Skupski & Koolhof (GBR/Ned) 7-6(4), 7-5.

# 'Excited, happy to be in Chennai'

## Top seed Riske says she is close to her fine form of 2019

CHENNAI OPEN

N. SUDARSHAN
CHENNAI

Being World No. 29 and the top seed at a WTA Tour-level event already make Alison Riske a top-drawer attraction.

But when she takes to the court at the Chennai Open, which starts on Monday, she is sure to grab even more eyeballs, for she is part of the Amritraj family – a household name in Chennai – married as she is to Stephen, son of former Indian Davis Cup player and captain Anand Amritraj.

**Great memories**

"Excited and very happy to be here," Riske-Amritraj said, on Saturday. "I have great memories from last time when I came with my husband for vacation. I went to Agra, saw the Taj and did some things around Chennai as well. I don't think this week will be as eventful because I am at a tournament. I am excited to compete and just play some good tennis."

Play good tennis is what she has done in 2022. From being outside the top-50 at the start of January, she is now into the top-30 and, come Monday, will be on the cusp of making it back into the top-20.

By her own assessment, she is hitting the form that saw her reach a career-best ranking of 18 in the latter half of 2019, a season where she made her maiden Major quarterfinal at Wimbledon, which included a win over the then World No. 1 Ash Barty.

**Turning versatile:** Riske, a lover of fast surfaces, has reaped success on slower courts this year. •K.V. SRINIVASAN

"At that point [in my career], 2019 was my best year. Then Covid hit and after that I was hurt for a few months [foot injury]. But this year I have been healthy and back to kind of where I was in 2019, which is good and exciting for me."

A lover of fast surfaces, especially grass, Riske-Amritraj has also done well on slower courts this year. At Indian Wells and Miami – traditionally slow hard courts – she reached the round-of-32 and round-of-16 respectively for the first time. This experience should come in handy in Chennai where the courts are seemingly playing medium slow.

"It has been the beauty of my year thus far... success on slower surfaces," the 32-year-old said. "I got to the round-of-32 at Indian Wells, which I hadn't done before. Then I got to a final on a court that was slow as molasses [Nottingham, grass].

"That's been a bit of transition in my game. I am very proud of that and I look forward to keep that going."

Riske-Amritraj sits atop what seems the lighter of the halves after the draw ceremony on Saturday.

The World No. 29 will open against Russian Anastasia Gasanova (No. 148) and has two qualifiers in her quarter. China's Qiang Wang, who is now coached by Pat Cash, is a potential last-eight opponent.

The two Indians in fray, Ankita Raina and Karman Thandi, are in the third quarter. In Saturday's qualifying, all four Indians bit the dust in the opening round.

# China outwits Japan, makes it to the final

## Australia takes its appointed place

K. KEERTHIVASAN
BENGALURU

China played a tactically superior game to outsmart Japan 54-51 in a semifinal match of the FIBA Asian women's under-18 basketball championship here on Saturday.

After a patchy show in the group matches, China pulled itself up magnificently in the knockouts, and set up a final clash with Australia – the top seed and World No. 4 – on Sunday.

Earlier, Australia was ruthless in its 70-61 victory over Chinese Taipei in the other last-four clash.

China maintained a handy nine point-lead till the first four minutes of the final quarter. The tide then, however, began to change. With hardly two minutes remaining, Yokoyama and Nanami Tsuno scored a two-pointer each and Japan further reduced the lead to two points (51-53). But China held on for victory.

**The results (semifinals):** Australia 70 (Dallas Loughridge 14, Petrie Jessica 11, Isobel Borlase 19, Isla Juffermans 15) bt Chinese Taipei 61 (Jui Chen Sung 25, Yu Lan Chang 14, Yu Wen Hsiao 13).

China 54 (Duoling Hu 11, Huixuan Chu 18, Wenxia Li 15) bt Japan 51 (Chinami Yokoyama 10, Haru Owaki 10).

**Ruthless:** Isobel Borlase was Australia's top-scorer in the win over Chinese Taipei. •SUDHAKARA JAIN

## LIVE TELECAST

**Australia vs New Zealand**: 3rd ODI, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9.50 a.m.
**England vs South Africa**: 3rd Test, day 4, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
**Durand Cup**: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6 p.m.
**Formula 1**: Italian GP, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m.
**Asia Cup**: (final), Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
**U.S. Open**: Sony Ten 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.30 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Monday).

## IN BRIEF

### Yuvraj Singh Sandhu wins J&K Open

JAMMU

Yuvraj Singh Sandhu of Chandigarh stamped his authority with a resounding seven-shot win at the ₹40 lakh J&K Open golf tournament here on Saturday. Sandhu (69-70-65-71), the overnight leader by four shots, shot a steady one-under 71 in the last round to total 13-under 275 for the tournament and claim his fourth career win and third title this season. PTI

### Mysuru Saturday races cancelled

MYSURU

The stewards of the Mysore Race Club decided to cancel the Saturday (Sept. 10) races due to heavy rains before the first race rendering underfoot condition of the race track not conducive for racing.

### Sasikumar enters final

SINTRA (PORTUGAL)

Second seed Sasikumar Mukund beat Daniel Rodrigues of Portugal 6-1, 7-5 to reach the final of the $25,000 ITF men's tennis tournament here on Saturday. In the final, Sasikumar will play seventh seed Duarte Vale of Portugal.

**Other result: $15,000 ITF men, Madrid, Spain: Final:** Luis Francisco & Pablo Masjuan Ginel (Esp) bt Alberto Senise (Esp) & Digvijay Pratap Singh 1-6, 6-3, [10-8].

# Saketh to replace Bopanna

## Latter withdraws owing to knee injury ahead of the tie against Norway

DAVIS CUP

KAMESH SRINIVASAN
NEW DELHI

The Indian aspirations for the Davis Cup World Group tie against Norway suffered a jolt as World No. 19 doubles star Rohan Bopanna withdrew owing to a knee injury.

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) secretary-general Anil Dhupar, already in Norway, stated that Saketh Myneni would be the replacement.

Saketh will rush to Lillehammer for the tie to be played on September 16 and 17 on indoor hard court.

Saketh has had a very successful season so far, winning half a dozen Challenger doubles titles, most of them with Yuki Bhambri, who is a key member of the squad.

In and Out: While Saketh has had a successful season so far, the services of Bopanna will be missed. • FILE PHOTOS

Ramkumar Ramanathan, Prajnesh Gunneswaran and Sasikumar Mukund are the other members of the team as recorded in the Davis Cup website. Sumit Nagal was also named in the six-member squad and has already reached Norway.

India captain Rohit Rajpal and the coach Zeeshan Ali are also in Norway and the team is expected to assemble in strength shortly to get acclimatised to the conditions and prepare in right earnest.

Norway has named Casper Ruud, the US Open finalist, who could become the World No. 1 if he wins the Grand Slam in New York.

The other members of the team Viktor Durasovic (341), Lukas Hellum Lilleengen (1089), apart from Herman Hoeyeraal and Simen Sunde Bratholm without any world rank, offer hope to the Indian team.

# U-17 WWC host city logo unveiled

FOOTBALL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the official host city logo of the state for the upcoming FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, on Saturday. Bhubaneswar is one of the three host cities.

The tournament, scheduled between October 11 and Oct. 30 across Odisha, Goa and Maharashtra, will be the first FIFA women's competition to be held in India.

Naveen Patnaik poses with the trophy. • PTI

**Momentous opportunity**

Patnaik said, "Odisha is emerging as a leading sports destination and hosting the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 is a momentous opportunity for our state.

"The official Host City Logo launch of Odisha is an important milestone which also signifies the progress of women's football.

"We are excited to host the best young female footballers from across the world and especially, the Indian team who will be playing all their group games at the Kalinga Stadium. "As the Indian team makes its first appearance in a FIFA women's competition, I encourage the people of Odisha to show their support in strong numbers at the stadium."

# Stoinis out of third Kiwi ODI; Warner rested

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
CAIRNS

Injured all-rounder Marcus Stoinis was on Saturday ruled out of Australia's final One-Day International against New Zealand, while David Warner was released from the squad to rest.

Stoinis lasted just six balls with the bat and bowled only three overs in the second ODI here on Thursday that Australia won by 113 runs.

Pace bowler Nathan Ellis was drafted in as replacement for Stoinis, who will go for treatment on a low-level side strain.

"Stoinis will undergo treatment in rehabilitation in Perth leading into the tour of India, a three-game T20 series later this month," Cricket Australia said.

Stoinis. • FILE PHOTO

With the three-match series wrapped up, Sunday's final game is a dead rubber.

# Amandeep three behind leader

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
HOLZHAUSERN (SWITZERLAND)

Amandeep Drall shot one-under 71 to be tied ninth on 138 and just three shots behind leader Liz Young of England at the VP Bank Swiss Ladies Open golf tournament on Friday.

Vani Kapoor and Diksha Dagar were T-17, Tvesa Malik T-25, while Ridhima Dilawari (76, 72) and Neha Tripathi (77, 74) were likely to miss the cut.

Amandeep, who had a superb first round of five-under 67, started the second round with nine straight pars on the front nine. She then landed an eagle on Par-5 10th and later parred the rest for 71.

# Sehwag, Kallis to lead

ANI
NEW DELHI

The countdown for the Legends League Cricket has started as cricketers from 10 nations are set to descend in Kolkata with the league starting on September 17.

The benefit match between Indian Maharajas and World Giants will be led by Virender Sehwag and Jacques Kallis respectively.

Delhi will be hosting three league stage matches, starting with Gujarat Giants vs Manipal Tigers on September 22, then India Capitals vs Bhilwara Kings on Sept.24. These matches will be starting from 7:30 pm.

A marquee clash between the Giants and India Capitals will also be held inNew Delhi on September 25, where Sehwag and Gautam Gambhir will play against each other. Tickets for all matches are available on Bookmyshow.

# AFI postpones meets

ATHLETICS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Athletics Federation of India has postponed the fifth and sixth legs of the Indian Grand Prix, scheduled to be held in Bengaluru on September 11 and 18. The Indian Open 400m meet, to be held in Jamshedpur on October 1 and 2, has also been put off. The new dates will announced later. The AFI appears to have postponed these events as they are either very close to or clashing with the National Games in Gujarat. Athletics at the National Games will be held in Gandhinagar from September 30 to October 4.

# Finch to quit ODIs

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
CAIRNS (AUSTRALIA)

Australia white-ball captain Aaron Finch called time on his One-Day International career on Saturday after a poor run of form but will remain skipper of the Twenty20 side for the World Cup next month.

The 35-year-old will play his 146th and final ODI on Sunday against New Zealand here, capping an outstanding career in the 50-over format in which he has scored 5,401 runs at an average of 39.

His 17 centuries put him behind only greats Ricky Ponting (29), David Warner and Mark Waugh (both 18), and one clear of Adam Gilchrist.

He will remain captain of the T20 side he led to a maiden World Cup crown last year, and has seven more games to find form before Australia's title defence starts against New Zealand in Sydney on Oct.22. "It has been a fantastic ride with some incredible memories," said Finch, who has skippered the ODI side 54 times.

Aaron Finch. • AFP

CA chief Nick Hockley paid tribute to Finch as "a wonderful exponent of the 50-over format".

He made his ODI debut against Sri Lanka in 2013 and soon became a mainstay at the top of the order, playing a key role in the 2015 ODI World Cup-winning side.

## BENGALURU ROUND-UP

**Naveen and Sabeena reign**

Naveen Siddam of Telangana and Sabeena Athica of Tamil Nadu secured the men's and women's titles respectively at the 31st National tenpin bowling championships which concluded on Saturday.

In the men's category, Naveen won his maiden title defeating defending champion Akaash Ashok Kumar of Karnataka 483-457. Sabeena won her 12th National title defeating Judy Alban of Karnataka 273-261.

**Anand and Varun star for Bangalore Occasionals**

All-round efforts from Anand P. Katti (45, 4/11 & 3/11) and T.N. Varun Rao (35 & 5/16) helped Bangalore Occasionals register an innings & 97 runs and win the KSCA (Group I) second division league.

**The scores:** Jawans CC 297 in 88 overs (S.H. Swaroop 41, U. Karan 64, Harshil 108, S. Daarshanik 3/52, S.B. Sanket 3/60) drew with Jawahar SC (2) [First innings unfinished owing to heavy rains].

Wilson Garden CC 260 in 80.3 overs (Shezan Khan 59, M. Arsalaan 30, Yashwant 80, Hardik Raj 6/83) drew with Coles CC 143/8 in 54.4 overs (K.S. Lankesh 62 n.o., K. Arun 35, Pranav Aswath 3/18) [First innings unfinished owing to heavy rains].

Jawahar SC (1) 208 in 61.5 overs (V. Prithvi 56, M. Manoj 49, Aditya Mani 3/45, Shahid Shariff 4/55) & 204/3 in 31 overs (Amod S.Kaluve 101 n.o., S. Chaitanya 76) drew with Herons CC 277/9 decl. in 55.5 overs (Pratik 37, Shahid Shariff 52, M. Mohammed Waseef 26, P. Vikas 39 n.o., Sai Susheel Reddy 51, Vineeth Manjunath 44, Sourab Muttur 8/98).

Bangalore Occasionals 234 in 88.2 overs (Niranjan 96, T.N. Varun Rao 35, Anand P. Katti 45, K.V. Chethan 3/60, M.S. Manoj 3/43) bt Bangalore SC 63 in 28.1 overs (Anand P.Katti 4/11, G.D. Naman 4/1) & 74 in 33.1 overs (Anand P.Katti 3/11, T.N. Varun Rao 5/16).

Vijaya CC 410/5 decl. in 50 overs (Thippa Reddy 46, Prakar Chaturvedi 130, P. Dhruv 37, Zeeshan Ali 123 n.o., N. Yash 28, B. Vijaya Raj 36 n.o., S. Chiranth 4/143) drew with Jupiter CA 151 in 47.3 overs (Mithesh Madhan 34, L. Hemanth Kumar 40, S. Sumukha Prasad 31, Maribasava Gowda 3/61, P. Dhruv 3/50) & 118/4 in 41 overs (Smaran Ramesh 52 n.o., Nihal Bhatkalkar 38 n.o., Anand Tayappa Kumbar 3/24).

The Bangalore Cricketers 352 in 84.3 overs (J. Manoj Kumar 28, Rahul Kulkarni 42, M. Tanush 81, S. Chethan 102, S.P. Shreyas 5/55) & 0/1 in 0.3 overs drew with FUCC (2) 323 in 61.5 overs (Ravi Kairav Reddy 29, R. Badrinaryanan 44, Sidharrth N. Rao 52, S.P. Shreyas 117, Kushal Pramesh 5/121, D. Bharath 3/43).

**Atharv hits hundred**

Atharv Malviya top-scored with 136 as Vultures CC secured the first-innings lead in a drawn KSCA (Group I) under-16 inter-club tournament encounter against Hammonds CC.

**The scores (pre-quarterfinals):** Hammonds CC 89 in 47.3 overs (Sachith Shenoy Konchady 34, Samyak Vellalore 3/16, Bhuvan Shivkumar Basidoni 3/21) & 82/3 in 12 overs (M.P. Ayush 27, Ishaan Noel 31 n.o., Manikanth Shivanand 3/21) drew with Vultures CC 318/9 decl. in 87 overs (Anvay Dravid 37, Atharv Malviya 136, Manikanth Shivanand 38, C. Vaibhav 27, Sachith Shenoy Konchady 3/97).

Bangalore SC 277 in 83.3 overs (S. Ananth 87, S. Rishabh Kumar 45, R.V. Rohit 39, R. Shishir 3/24) & 135 for no loss in 26 overs (S. Ananth 28 n.o., S.J. Aadharsh 103 n.o.) drew with Bangalore Occasionals 111 in 48.5 overs (R. Shishir 36, Ashith Shivanna 37, S.J. Aadharsh 3/20, A.T. Deekshit 3/26).

Swastic Union CC (2) 80/4 in 30 overs (Anirudha S. Athreya 44 n.o.) lost to Rajajinagar Cricketers [Spin of coin after first innings was unfinished owing to rain].

Jupiter CA 120/2 in 50 overs(R. Parth 62 n.o.) lost to Jupiter CA [Spin of coin after first innings was unfinished owing to rain].

Modern CC lost to Malleswaram Gymkhana; FUCC (1) lost to Jolly Cricketers; Herons CC bt Coles CC; Vijaya CC lost to Cambridge CC [All by spin of coin after matches didn't start because of rain].

Triumphant: Naveen and Sabeena, the winners at the 31st National tenpin bowling championships. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**Hat-trick by Savad**

Muhammed Savad scored a hat-trick as BIFA blanked North East Youth 6-0 in an under-18 match in the KSFA Youth Premier League here on Saturday.

**The results: U-18:** BIFA 6 (S. Yudhishir 3, Muhammed Savad 15, 19, 56, Karan Prasad 48, Muhammed Anees 72) bt North East Youth FC 0; BSSS 2 (Abdeali Dohadwala 40, Haresh Kari 45) drew with Bangalore Champs FA 2 (Zahaan Abousheer 29, Syam 65); Alchemy International FA 5 (Aryan Kochar 10, Shaurya Rostogi 21, Oka Zhimomi 27, Thoudam Arishkar 32, Ahan Mani Sharma 73) bt Rebels FC 0.

**U-11:** Bangalore Super Strikers 3 (Nikhil 10, Kavin Arjun 21, M. Hanumesh 32) bt BYFL 0; Young Blues Elite 6 (Sohan 5, Nigel Martin 23, Siddhanth Mohit 32, Pranav Basava 34, Affan Syed Mudasar 36, Aaron Renjith 36) bt Raman FA 3 (Alwin Shibi Thomas 35, 39, 48).

**Mohammed Ali advances**

Mohammed Ali defeated K.S. Naveen 4-3 (37-25, 04-44, 52-15, 41-22, 19-34, 24-35, 37-09) in a pre-quarterfinal match at the Karnataka State 6Red Snooker tournament, here on Saturday.

**Other results (pre-quarterfinals):** B.C. Karthik bt Pranav Prabhakar 4-0 (67-00, 52-00, 36-19, 44-08; M.S. Arun bt R. Harish 4-1 (25-36, 51-10, 32-28, 53-14, 43-08); P.T. Raghunath bt K.H. Rakshit 4-2 (52-23, 12-49, 39-40, 50-20, 39-15, 49-12); Md. Shazaan bt P.V. Sparsh 4-0 (40-07, 52-09, 55-17, 39-22); R. Santosh Naidu bt B. Bhaskar 4-1 (45-28, 36-27, 40-02, 01-57, 40-11); Rohit Ravindran bt Asfan Sait 4-0 (56-14, 48-40, 40-15, 41-08); H.D. Veeresh bt Sean Davis 4-3 (12-50, 42-16, 14-31, 38-05, 35-34, 14-38, 44-04).

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